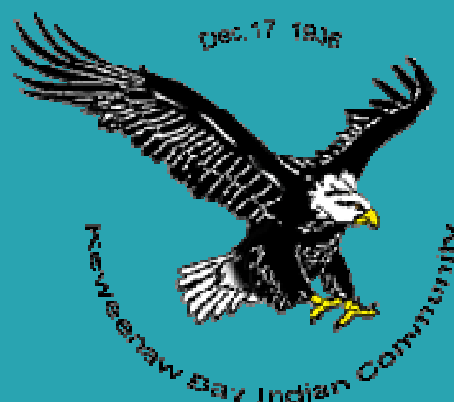


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KBIC ELECTIONS HELD DECEMBER 12TH

KBIC held their annual General Election on Saturday, December 12, 2009. KBIC registered voters residing in Baraga cast their ballots at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens building in Baraga, while those residing in the L'Anse district cast their ballots at the Zeba Methodist Church. The Primary Elections held October 31, 2009, put the top four candidates from each district on the General Election ballot. Baraga District candidates were Jerry Lee Curtis (incumbent), Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. (incumbent), Debbie Parrish, and Donny Shalfoe, Sr. L'Anse District candidates were Susan J. LaFernier (incumbent), Jennifer Misegan (incumbent), Eddy Michael Edwards,



and JoAnne Racette. Chief Judge position candidates on the ballot were: Bradley T. Dakota (incumbent) and Paul Smith. Preliminary counts were announced by the election workers, immediately following closing of the polls on Saturday, December 12, 2009. In the Baraga District, Jerry Lee Curtis received 229 votes, Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. received 273 votes, Debbie Parrish received 205 votes, and Donny Shalfoe, Sr. received 190 votes. Jerry Lee Curtis and Warren "Chris" Swartz, Jr. have secured a three year term in the Baraga District. In the L'Anse District, Susan J. LaFernier received 271 votes, Jennifer Misegan received 159 votes, Eddy Michael Edwards received 294 votes, and JoAnne Racette received 177 votes. Susan J. LaFernier and Eddy Michael Edwards have secured a three year seat in the L'Anse District. For the Chief Judge position, Bradley T. Dakota received 336 votes and Paul Smith received 135 votes. Bradley T. Dakota secured the three year term of Chief Judge for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community for his eighth consecutive term. Election results are on the agenda to be considered for certification by Tribal Council at the meeting scheduled for January 9, 2010. Following certification, the twelve seat council will make nominations and vote on their executive council.

~ submitted by newsletter

Tribal Council Members:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
Susan J. LaFernier, Vice-President
Toni Minton, Secretary
William E. Emery, Asst. Secretary
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer
Elizabeth D. Mayo
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews
Jerry Lee Curtis
Frederick Dakota
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.
Isabelle H. Welsh



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- December 5, 2009, Tribal Council meeting
- KBIC General Election Results
- DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner for December
- Even Start begins new program
- KBIC Christmas Parties
- Lanczy wins snowshoes
- KBTNRD—January is Radon Action Month
- New Employees
- Aabinoojiyens
- Deepest Sympathy

KBIC Holds Christmas Parties

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community held a number of Christmas Parties this year. The Baraga little kids' party was held on December 12, at the Niiwin Akeea Center. Santa and Mrs. Claus attended along with over 150 Tribal families. Pizza, Taco dip, veggie and fruit trays were served to all. The older children's party was held later that same day where the teens enjoyed bingo and many won nice prizes. There was a good turnout for the Community Teen Dance held after their party.

The KBIC Youth Programs would like to thank everyone who helped out or brought goodies to the party. We couldn't have made this year's party a success without you!

The Ojibwa Senior Citizens held their Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 18. The seniors enjoyed a meal of Prime Rib, baked potato, veggies, salad, rolls and desserts. The seniors listened to carols by Kristy Clish. A group of musically inclined seniors also provided festive Christmas music. All seniors received gift cards.

~ submitted by newsletter editor



Picture by Shellie Denomie



Youth club photo



Youth club photo



Photo by Lisa Denomie

Parties continue on page six.

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on December 5, 2009, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room. Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., presided over the meeting with Susan LaFerner, Toni Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, and Isabelle Helene Welsh present. President Swartz shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. Reports were given for November 2009, by President Swartz (see page two), Vice President Susan LaFerner (see page three), Secretary Toni Minton (see page five), Treasurer Jennifer Misegan (see page four), and CEO Larry Denomie (see page eleven). Council passed Department Head Reports for October 2009.

Jennifer Misegan addressed Council under old business regarding the quote and the stamp design for the Tribe's tobacco stamp. **Motion by Toni Minton to approve the quote of \$12,175 from Meyer Corp. Revenue for the Tobacco Stamp, supported by William E. Emery, ten supported, one opposed (M. LaFerner), 0 abstained, motion carried.** President Swartz stated, "This is an exercise of sovereignty, and we are going to regulate that trade." Councilman Dakota further explained, "It is the Tribe's stamp that will go on the bottom of the cigarette

packs sold on this reservation."

Frederick Dakota requested an additional \$1,280 on behalf of the KBIC Ojibwa Senior Citizens. They were approved at an earlier date for \$5,000 for their Christmas party, (dinner, gifts for those in attendance and home bound). They need a total of \$6,280. **Motion by Jerry Lee Curtis to approve the donation of \$1,280 for the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Christmas Party, supported by Jennifer Misegan, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Debbie Parrish addressed Council under new business regarding Ojibwa Community College grant assistance. An MOA addendum was presented for grant assistance to relieve the need of coming back to Council every time the grant assistance was needed. **Motion by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., to approve the MOA addendum between the Community and the College, supported by Jerry Lee Curtis, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.** Mrs. Parrish gave updates of happenings at OCC. A survey was conducted resulting with computer training being requested. OCC will begin this month with basic keyboarding and follow that up with word processing. In January, they will begin with basic Excel, and then advanced Excel. The college plans on offering Access Database, Publisher, and PowerPoint throughout the year. Research and Report Writing, Writing in the Work Place, and Public Speaking were also requested.

These courses will be offered as CEU's (shorter workshop training rather than a 15-week course). Anyone who wants a 15-week course can enroll in one of the semester classes beginning in January. They are inviting the high school art students to bring their art work to display at the College in the spring. We have a lot of talented high school artists who had their work on display at the Galley 325 art show.

Susan LaFerner, on behalf of Lauri Denomie, requested funeral expenses for a family member, William R. LaFerner, who recently passed on. Mr. LaFerner had been away from this Community for many years, but his roots are from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. The funeral bill includes returning his remains to the Community. **Motion by Isabelle Welsh to approve the amount of \$1,520 to assist the family for the funeral expenses of William R. LaFerner to be paid out of the funeral expense fund, supported by Frederick Dakota, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Jennifer Misegan on behalf of Lisa Denomie, Pre-primary Director, requested a donation for \$25 per child for 22 children for Christmas gifts for the children enrolled with Pre-primary, for a total \$550. **Motion by Jennifer Misegan to donate \$550 for Christmas gifts for the children at the Preprimary Program, supported by Susan LaFerner, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

~ submitted by newsletter editor

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2009.

Activities Reported by the President, Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., for the month of November.

On Thursday, November 5, 2009, President Obama hosted the White House Tribal Nations Conference. As part of President Obama's sustained outreach to the American people, this conference provided leaders from the 564 federally recognized tribes the opportunity to interact directly with the President and representatives from the highest levels of his Administration. Each federally recognized tribe has been invited to send one representative to the conference. The President delivered opening and closing remarks and participated in an interactive discussion with tribal leaders. Other interactive discussions in the areas of economic development and natural resources; public safety and housing; and education, health and labor, were led by representatives from the highest levels of the Administration.

On behalf of the Community, I congratulated Chairman Skibine for assuming the important position of acting chairman for the National Indian Gaming Commission. I informed him of a number of issues that should be brought to his attention. We believe that NIGC, as a commission within the Department of Interior, should follow the administrative rules and executive orders that are followed by federal agencies including the Department of Interior.

Secondly, because NIGC has refused to comply with the normal rules for federal

agencies, some of its regulatory rulemaking processes have been defective. For example, the facility licensing rules were promulgated with only a 45 day comment period and should be withdrawn, revised to be consistent with the IGRA, and re-issued for consultation with Indian Tribes.

Thirdly, the NIGC should use Indian preference in hiring in accordance with the Indian Reorganization Act. The NIGC is a federal agency serving Indian country and intended to promote Tribal self-government and strong Tribal governments. Two of its three commissioners must be Indian, so NIGC should use Indian preference in hiring and employment consistent with the IGRA and the IRA.

Finally, given the fact that Congress amended the IGRA in 2006, to increase NIGC fees and provide for training and technical assistance, it is appropriate to review NIGC's mission. The NIGC should consult with Indian tribes concerning its mission of promoting Tribal economic development, economic self-sufficiency, strong Tribal governments, and safeguarding Indian gaming as a means of generating essential Tribal government revenue.

I participated in a celebration at the Niiwin Akeaa Center to celebrate the recent achievement of candidacy status for initial accreditation. The event was well attended, and everyone at the College pitched in to make this celebration a success.

I attended a feast hosted by the LVD THPO in Watersmeet. We discussed preservation and protection of the cultural

and natural resources around the proposed mine by Orvana Minerals. Charles Brumleve discussed the mechanics of the proposed mine and its potential effects on the environment. Cynthia Stiles presented information on historic preservation responsibilities and identifying important resources in the mine area. Orvana Minerals is a low-cost gold producer. Orvana owns and operates the Don Mario Mine in Bolivia. Additional information is available at their website.

The United Tribes of Michigan met on November 12, in Manistee, MI. Prior to the meeting, the Executive Officers met and reorganized. Larry Romanelli was elected to serve as President of the organization for the next year. He will be taking the position over from Chief Fred Cantu of the Saginaw Chippewa Indians. Also elected at the annual meeting were: Chairperson Laura Spurr of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of Potawatomi Indians as Vice Chair; Chair Chris Swartz, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community is Secretary, and Chairman D.K. Sprague of the Match-E-Be-Nash-She-Wish Band of Potawatomi Indians is Treasurer.

We responded to a questionnaire given to us by the CITGO heating oil program and hopefully we will be funded again this year. Last year we received a good amount of money from CITGO, and we used the donation to help low income people pay their heating bills during the winter months.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., President

VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2009.

Activities Reported by the Vice President, Susan LaFerner, for the month of November 2009.

We all need to commit to do our part to make a difference to protect our environment and change the world. I hope that you have been learning how to save and conserve energy to protect our Earth if you are able. I have emphasized all year that every month is “Energy Awareness Month,” and our theme for the year was “Commit to Conserve.” There are simple, everyday conservation measures we can all easily commit to. There are also everyday measures we can do to reduce air pollution, conserve water, reduce/reuse/recycle/rebuy materials, and prevent pollution in general. Once again, October was Energy Awareness Month! This year’s theme, “A Sustainable Energy Future— Putting All the Pieces Together” encourages you to see yourself as a piece of a large puzzle of shaping our energy future and moving our nation toward energy independence. All of this information is available on the EPA.gov and energy.gov websites.

There was a nice celebration/presentation on November 13, given by the KBOCC Board of Regents, Faculty, and staff for their recent accomplishment of candidacy status for initial accreditation. We congratulate all of you and thank you for honoring past and present Council members and others on that day.

Thank you to Ojibwa Housing Authority and KBIC for the two day presentation on permanent supportive housing on November 23 and 24. Two representatives from the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH/Michigan and Minnesota) presented various topics regarding homeless services and that technical assistance, training, and advocacy is available to develop permanent supportive housing (housing that is affordable and includes services) for homeless individuals and families. Also thank you to everyone in our community who filled out the Confidential Supportive Housing survey on Christmas gift check day. We received 472 surveys that will help immensely with determining your current housing needs. The Supportive Housing Development Team also met on November 30, after the two day meeting to discuss future developments and possible sites for a center.

We are still asking if anyone has information regarding forgotten graves and information on graves that do not have any identification at the Pinery Cemetery to please call me or Summer Cohen if you can help. The map will be completed shortly, and we will then meet to discuss the information that is still needed or missing.

We continue to have monthly meetings with our employee wellness group and our Blue Cross representative. Thank you to this new group; they have been enthusiastic and have many great ideas that employees will be seeing in the near future such as healthy cooking recipes, weight management and stress reduction programs, fitness memberships/ discounts and healthy options in our vending machines. We held the wellness program naming contest as was announced last month and we thank Lauri Denomie for finishing the wording into the medicine wheel logo. Our official name is W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program) Task Force. The members of the task force developed a mission statement that reads: “The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program (W.H.I.P.P.) is dedicated to improving and maintaining the general health and well being of our employees, dependents, and community members. Our goal is to provide information, activities, motivation, services, and recognition to enhance the ability of people to better manage their own health, improve their quality of life and reduce their risk of disease and in-

jury. Positive lifestyle choices develop a culture that is focused on celebrating and improving the quality of life for all.” It is never too late to encourage positive lifestyles changes that will help us live longer, healthier, happier lives.

As we know, on August 18, 2009, the administrative law Judge Patterson issued a proposed decision in our contested case hearing regarding the Kennecott’s mining permit and groundwater permit for the Yellow Dog Plains. He held that “the excavation and drilling in the immediate area of Eagle Rock and fencing it off will materially affect its use as a place of worship. This should in some manner be accommodated and would best be done so by relocating the access to the mine to a location that will not interfere with that function.” This decision was sent to Steven Chester, and our written exceptions/comments regarding this decision were also sent on October 2, directly to Mr. Chester, who considered the comments and has now made a request for more information regarding Eagle Rock and the legality of the judge’s decision. This information will need to be filed by December 7, when he will make a final determination and order on the permits. Chuck Brumleve, our Mining Specialist gave comments on December 1, in Ishpeming at the public hearing for the four permits on the reuse and opening of the Humboldt Mill site for an ore processing facility. Please continue to call/write your elected officials and tell them that the short term benefits are not worth the harmful long term effects on our health, rivers, Great Lakes, woods, and wild places because of the great potential for acid mine drainage. Please call me or write if you would like to review the National Wildlife Federation’s DVD “Mining Madness, Water Wars: The Great Lakes In The Balance.”

I have also been attending the Employee Christmas Party Task Force meetings, and the wonderful party will be held tonight. A big thank you to the task force; so much work goes into the planning and preparation of these parties, and we all appreciate the work that they do! Thank you also to our Eagle Radio employees and communities for donating to the annual TV6 can-a-thon this past week. All proceeds go the local food pantries.

Remember to continue to pray for and honor all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families. Welcome home to the 1431st! Also remember those who are ill, have lost loved ones, (there have been many in the last year) and for our economic struggles. Tell someone you know three good things that you like about them during the holiday season. Let us be thankful for our beautiful area, and we pray that you have a wonderful Christmas, (remember the reasons for the season) and a blessed New Year.

We also continue to recognize the richness of Native American contributions, accomplishments, and sacrifices to the political, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States. Remember the Drug Tip Line number is 353-DRUG or 353-3784. You will be seeing yellow banners around the reservation with this drug tip line number displayed.

Miigwetch,
Susan LaFerner, Vice President



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Thank you to all who voted in the December Tribal Council Election. I appreciate your continued support. Greatness can be achieved when we work together for the good of our Tribe. Peace and good health to you and your family in this New year!

~ Susan J. LaFerner

The DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner for December

Brenda Brunk is the DHHS Superior Spirit Award winner for December. Brenda was nominated by two patients who stated: "Brenda is always pleasant and a team player. She will help you any way that she can, even if she is filling in for someone. She will go out of her way to help you. Brenda has worked for the Tribe for many years, and she has earned this recognition."



DHHS photo

"Brenda is very efficient in her job when you are requesting medical records or copies. She will make sure you get what you need with fast, prompt, efficient service! She always makes me feel welcome at the Heath Center. 'Hi, how you doing?' This is an important thing when you are sick."

Brenda received a beaded lanyard for her name badge and is able to park in the spot specifically designed for the DHHS Superior Spirit Award winner. Congratulations, Brenda!

WINNER! NOVEMBER'S SNOWSHOE GIVEAWAY

Congratulations to Kathy Lanczy! She was the November winner of the snowshoe giveaway.



Library photo

Michelle and I hope you have a wonderful holiday with your family and friends.

Reminder: Every time you use the library, you may put your Name in for the drawing to win snowshoes. If you've never been to the library, now is your chance to get a library card which entitles you to two chances immediately for the snowshoes. Good Luck!

~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director

W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention, Program) Task Force

Mission Statement:

"The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program is dedicated to improving and maintaining the general health and well being of our employees, dependents, and community members. Our goal is to provide information, activities, motivation, services, and recognition to enhance the ability of people to better manage their own health, improve their quality of life and reduce their risk of disease and injury. Positive lifestyle choices develop a culture that is focused on celebrating and improving the quality of life for all."

There are 12 employees on the Task Force (nine government and three enterprise). We also have 58 employee volunteers. On January 19, 20, 21, 2009, our Blue Cross representative will be reviewing the benefits that are available from each plan to eligible employees. We will especially focus on the "Preventative Care Services" that are available (be watching



NOVEMBER 2009 TREASURER’S REPORT.

- Tribal Council approved the following donations for the month of November:
- Baraga County Regional Interagency Consumer Committee, Christmas party—\$1,000.
 - Bart Stupak, re-election campaign—\$1,000.
 - American Cancer Society, annual match campaign—\$5,000.
 - Eagles Club/Ladies Auxiliary, Christmas donations for distribution through FIA and shelter home—\$500.
 - Tribal Social Services, Christmas gifts for children in foster care—\$2,000.

This month, the second of two yearly 2% distributions were made to local units of government per our 1993 consent judgment. The amount distributed for our Baraga Casino was **\$152,608.40** and the Marquette amount was **\$173,313.65**. The calculation is based on the net win of class III gaming or slot machines. The breakdown is as follows:

Baraga County:	
Baraga Area Schools—	\$42,268.26
Baraga Township—	\$14,143.14
Bay Ambulance—	\$25,000.00
Village of Baraga—	\$10,872.61
L’Anse Area Schools—	\$21,096.13
L’Anse Township—	\$ 2,377.93
Village of L’Anse—	\$ 1,740.77
Marquette County:	
Charter Twp of Chocolay—	\$35,000.00
Fire Department—	\$26,145.65
Marquette County	
U.P.S.E.T.—	\$10,000.00
Aging Services—	\$ 7,500.00
Health Dept.—	\$ 7,500.00
Gwinn Area Com. Schools/	
Title VII Nat. Am. Educ.—	\$ 3,000.00
City of Marquette	
NMU Center for Native	
Am. Studies—	\$ 8,000.00
NMU Native Am.	
Student Assoc.—	\$ 9,200.00
Superiorland Soccer	
Assoc.—	\$ 5,000.00
U.P. Children’s	
Museum—	\$10,000.00
Women’s Center—	\$25,000.00
Marquette. County	
History Museum—	\$ 4,000.00
Marquette Area Public School	
/Title VII Nat. Am. Educ.—	\$ 6,218.00
Forsyth Township—	\$5,000.00
Sands Twp. Fire Dept.—	\$11,750.00

Our 8% payments were also made this month. These payments are made pursuant to the 2000 Consent Judgment or stipulation that was entered into between the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the State of Michigan in order to keep our Marquette Casino open. The Marquette amount was \$693,542.61. The amount for the Baraga Casino was \$610,433.59.

I was very busy preparing for the Christmas Gift Check distribution for Baraga and Marquette Counties. The total of the distribution was \$869,600 with 1,087 people receiving the \$800 payment. Thank you to all who helped, including Sheila Ekdahl, Violet Friisvall, Sharon Brunk, Diana Chaudier, and Linda Rabitaille as well as the Gift Check Committee.

We have received the year-end financials for all but one Tribal Enterprise. Our businesses faired very well in fiscal year 2009 considering the state of the economy. The Pines Convenience Center Net Income was up 253% from last year. The Radio Stations Net Income also increased by 73%. The Baraga Casino finished up just \$38,500 under projections. Marquette on the other hand didn’t do as well, coming in \$778,548 under projections. Finances are closely monitored and will continue to be in the areas that are performing poorly.

We operate a great number of programs and services for our members. We do the best we can with the money that we have while always trying to develop ways to bring in additional income. Contrary to what some may have heard, our Tribe makes approximately \$12.5 million dollars per year and it all goes back into those programs and services. Last year we helped 296 households with \$116,875 in the Emergency Funding program; 178 Seniors and Disabled members received a monthly pension totaling \$431,400; the heat was paid for 168 Seniors and disabled members in the amount of \$206,879; this was all done with Tribal monies. We also reimbursed parents \$60,089 for expenses for their children, paid out \$70,800 to our college students to help them purchases text books, spent approximately \$450,000 in healthcare...and none of these amounts include any of the grants dollars that are also maintained and operated here. Of course this isn’t an all inclusive list. There are still many other programs.

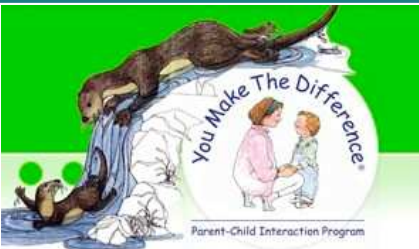
At the end of November, we had 276 employees in the government (including the Pines and Radio Station), 30 more than three years ago when the economy was much better. There are also 397 people employed in our casinos. All of these employees receive sick and annual time as well as the opportunity to contribute to the 401 (k) plan which is matched up to 6% by the Tribe.

I would like to take this time to say welcome home to Chris Voakes, Alan Rajacic and Dennis Gerard who just returned from their deployment to Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as Mark Smith who is home on leave. If you see any of them, be sure to thank them for their service and continue to keep the others who are still there in your thoughts and prayers.

As always, if there are any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to give me a call, stop by my office, or send me an e-mail.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer

“You Make The Difference”®,
Will begin at Even Start



Beginning this month, KBIC EVEN START Family Literacy Center will be hosting a new Parent-Child

Interaction Program with a focus on building language and literacy in the home. This parent education series of nine workshops will be led by two licensed program staff, Christine Awonohopay and Gail Juntunen.

Entitled “You Make The Difference”®, (YMTD) the program is based on 30 years of experience through the Hanen Centre and is currently used world-wide. KBIC EVEN START began using the Native American/First Nations edition of the parent guide last year with positive response from participating families. Eager to expand this framework, Gail and Christine completed a regional training this past September in Chicago. Newly licensed, both presenters are planning to pilot and co-lead the YMTD program with their program families on Thursday, January 7, 2010. Although enrollment will be limited to KBIC Even Start participants initially, plans are underway to offer the workshops for other family service organizations in the near future.

When asked why KBIC EVEN START selected this parent education curriculum for their family literacy program, coordinator Gail Juntunen responded, “Research has shown that a young child’s language, social, and literacy development depends on positive parent-child interactions that effectively engage the child at the proper ages and stages of development. The *You Make The Difference* program is a down-to-earth resource that gives parents easy strategies using everyday types of routines to promote their child’s early learning and language.”

“The workshops will focus on ways to help parents learn how to interact with their children using the practical “3A approach.” Lessons will include ways to ‘Allow’ the child to lead, ‘Adapt’ to share the moment, and ‘Add’ new experiences and words,” Juntunen explained.

Utilizing parent-friendly resources, the YMTD team will provide a very “hands-on” learning environment for parent and child learners. Each session will consist of parent learning time while children participate in guided activities in the KBIC EVEN START Center’s new family activity area. Later, parents will practice key activities with their children under the guidance of trained staff and have the opportunity to create a video memory book. Toys and resources will also be provided to extend the activities into the home.

The YMTD program is designed to help parents develop a responsive communication style. “This means,” stated Juntunen, “that parents become ‘tuned-in’ to their child more effectively with early learning opportunities. This helps to build a child’s communication skills and confidence which, in turn, helps prepare that child for school.”

“What I like best about this program is the practical ways it can help parents foster and enrich their young child’s learning through everyday routines and activities. We’re looking forward to bringing *You Make The Difference* to Baraga County parents!” concluded workshop co-presenter Awonohopay.

For more information on how you or someone you know may benefit from family literacy, please call the KBIC EVEN START Center at 353-8161.

~ submitted by Gail Juntunen

Our Deepest Sympathy

William R. LaFerner
January 4, 1930—November 14, 2009

William Raymond LaFerner, age 79, a resident of DeQueen, Arkansas, died Saturday, November 14, 2009, in the DeQueen Medical Center, DeQueen. He was born on January 4, 1930, in Keweenaw Bay, Michigan, to John and Emma (St. Arnold) LaFerner. He left Michigan as a young man for work. He traveled with the harvest and never returned. His family did not know where he was but often thought of him; he was missed by his siblings and they wished for his return. “Bouncer,” as his family knew him, had come to DeQueen on

a train, looking for warmer weather and work. He became sick and wasn’t able to return North. He had worked in Oregon. Mr. LaFerner had been a resident of Brookwood Nursing and Rehab Center for several years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Edward, and three sisters, Myrtle Gauthier, Annabella Jacker, and Florence Lofquist.

He is survived by a sister, Susie LaFerner of Covington, Michigan, and several nieces and nephews in Michigan.

A memorial service was held in DeQueen, Arkansas.

To place an ad, submit an article, or relate information or ideas on possible articles contact:
Lauri Denomie at newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov
or 906-201-0263.

SECRETARY’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2009.

In November 2009, the Tribal Council had one Regular Tribal Council Meeting and five Special Council Meetings. The Regular Council Meeting was held on November 7, 2009, and is covered in the December 2009 Tribal Newsletter.

At the council meeting held November 5, 2009, following actions were taken:

- Approved the addendum to the Land Use Planning Consultant Contract with UP Engineers;
- Approved Resolution KB1717-2009 Sylvia Murphy Allotted Interest Acquisition;
- Approved the purchase of a 2006 Silverado in the amount of \$19,000.00 from Kisel's to be leased to the Natural Resources Department;
- Certified the October 31, 2009, Primary Election results;
- Approved the purchase of a server for the Radio Station;
- Approved the Professional Services Agreement with Ron Gnadinger for maintenance and repair services for the radio stations;
- Approved a donation of up to \$2,365 for William Chosa for a furnace pending funding from LiHeap and Ojibwa Housing (Community Assistance Programs were able to assist);
- Agreed to move forward with two Childcare Centers (one in L'Anse and one in Baraga) and to pursue subcontracting with ITC;
- Awarded the Contract for the Donald A. LaPointe Health & Education Facility Renovation and Expansion to Ojibwa Builders in the amount of \$1,248,521.

At the council meeting held November 6, 2009, following actions were taken:

- Approved a donation of \$250 for the Four Thunders Drum Group for their trip to Gwinn;
- Approved Resolution KB1694-2009 Timber

- Salvage Harvest on Pinery Road;
- Approved the Christmas Gift Check Guidelines;
- Approved the purchase of eight gas pumps with TV's for the Pines in the amount of \$220,663.88;
- Approved an addition to the Personnel Policies for a Proclaimed Illness for all Tribal Entities;
- Approved the License Renewal of the Pre-Primary Education Program;
- Approved October donations;
- Agreed to re-evaluate Substance Abuse Request #002-09 once treatment and aftercare are completed;
- Agreed to move forward with obtaining bids and clearing property in L'Anse for the new gas station.

At the council meeting held November 12, 2009, following actions were taken:

- Agreed Council will receive monthly financials from all entities;
- Continued review of the Comprehensive Plan;
- Agreed to hold the Tribal Government Christmas Party at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall;
- Approved the bid and contract in the amount of \$36,800 of MD Contracting for installation of new hydrants and replacement of existing hydrants in Zeba and Baraga;
- Approved the Services Agreement with Dale Schmeisser for WIC;
- Donated \$300 in supplies for the Mary Geroux benefit dinner;
- Required the Ojibwa Builders to supply a letter of credit for the Health Center Renovation;
- Held the 2nd Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2009-03 – Amendment to Ordinance 2004-001 KBIC Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Gathering Code.

At the council meeting held November 13, 2009, following actions were taken:

- Met with Gary Sanden of the Seneca Nation;
- Approved the Memorandum of Agreement with the Ojibwa Community College.

At the council meeting held November 19, 2009, following actions were taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of June 22, 2009, June 25, 2009, and July 9, 2009;
- Approved the list of registered voters;
- Approved Resolution KB1720-2009 – Damien Swartz Recreational Lease;
- Approved Resolution KB1721-2009 Baraga 2% Distribution;
- Approved Resolution KB1722-2009 Marquette 2% Distribution;
- Donated \$15,000 in fuel from the Pines to the Baraga County Convention and Visitors Bureau for their groomers;
- Approved the Business License of Ojibwa Plumbing and Heating;
- Denied the request of Tom Darcy, Jr. for down payment assistance for a home in California;
- Held Employee Appeal of Termination Hearing Case #016-09;
- Agreed to use \$90,000 of Army Corp of Engineering Assistance for the Baraga Water Intake Proposal;
- Agreed to pay the Building Inspector \$176 for the Kwik Lube permit fees and to work on a fee schedule for future inspections;
- Agreed to postpone the decision on the Appeal of Termination Hearing until the next meeting;
- Accepted the resignations of Gaming Commissioner Jim Rasanen, effective immediately, and of Gaming Commissioner Dale Shalfoe, effective Jan. 1, and to post the positions.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Minton, Secretary

T.E.A.M. COMPLETED IN LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Teaching Educating And Mentoring (T.E.A.M.) Law Enforcement School Liaison Program has been completed in the Baraga and L'Anse Area Schools. T.E.A.M., which is one of the programs that has been implemented as part of the KBIC Weed & Seed Initiative, was presented to approximately 190 fourth and fifth grade students in Baraga and L'Anse. T.E.A.M. is a proactive effort to make schools and communities safer by promoting an understanding of social rules, the consequences of unlawful behavior, and students' responsibilities as good citizens.



Weed & Seed Director Chris Gerard states, "One of the most important goals of the Weed & Seed Initiative is to develop positive, working relationships with community stakeholders. When researching programs to implement as part of the KBIC initiative, we try to focus on programs that will have the greatest impact on a large part of our community. To be able to implement a program that will have positively impacted 190 fourth and fifth graders is a great feeling for all of us involved. We're extremely happy to have developed a positive relationship with our area school districts and we plan to continue this program in the future. When you develop a positive relationship with a school district, it allows that connection between administrators, staff, students and parents; all of these individuals are important pieces of our communities."

The elementary T.E.A.M. curriculum is a seven week program that teaches basic safety rules such as bicycle and pedestrian safety, the proper use of 911, fire and gun prevention, and being safe on the internet. The program was taught by Officer Tyler Larson of the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Police Department. Larson attended a week long T.E.A.M. officer training at the Michigan State Police Academy and was certified in August to teach personal safety lessons in schools. Photo compliments of Barry Drue, L'Anse, Sentinel.

~ submitted by Chris Gerard.

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GEROUX’S KWIK LUBE HOLDS GRAND OPENING



Shown above is young Richard Geroux helping to promote his dad's new business.

Richard Geroux held a grand opening for his new Kwik Lube business on Friday, December 11. Kwik Lube, located on M38 in Baraga, offers a quick way to get an oil change in the ten-minute drive through business. Geroux offers a basic service including up to five quarts of oil and a filter change. Full service includes oil, filter, lube, a 21-point vehicle inspection and topping off of fluids. A premium service option is available with bottled oil. Geroux also indicated that synthetic oil and a diesel service is available at the Kwik Lube.

Kwik Lube, located on M38, is open Monday-Friday 10 am—6pm; Saturdays 10 am—3 pm, and no appointments are necessary.

Geroux plans on expanding his business to include auto customization, detailing, audio systems and special order items (lift kits and oversize tires). Questions can be directed to 353-KARS.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

KBIC Christmas parties continue.

The Marquette parties began with a Senior Christmas Dinner held on Friday, December 18, at the Marquette Ojibwa Community Center. Seniors enjoyed a dinner of turkey, ham, mashed potatoes with gravy, and a variety of desserts. Marian Abbot made the flower arrangements for the tables which were given away during the drawings. Pete Shalifoe donated a tin man he created for the drawings.

The Teenage Dance was held on Saturday, December 19, at the Marquette Ojibwa Community Center. Music was provided by a rental from Jim's Music. Pizza was served, and the teens each received a gift card. A Chi Miigwetch to Officer Tony for attending and keeping the dance safe.

The youth party was held on Sunday, December 20, at the U.P. Children's Museum. The children visited with Santa, received gifts and enjoyed a carriage ride provided by Nathaniel Luttenton.

Carrie Ashbrooke states, "When planning these parties it takes people and time. Your comments have been well received and the Community is urged to participate in planning next year's parties. Watch the newsletter next October and November for the 2010 Christmas party planning and development dates."

~ submitted by newsletter editor



Photo by Carrie Ashbrooke



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KBIC GOV'T CHRISTMAS PARTY

KBIC held their annual government employee Christmas Party on Saturday, December 5, 2009, at the Big Bucks Bingo. Employees enjoyed a delicious dinner cooked and presented by Migizi Wadiswan (Eagle's Nest) Restaurant. The evening began at 5 p.m. with a social hour and dinner was served at 6 p.m. "The Tree of Christmas Fortune Trivia Giveaway" game was held after dinner. All employees had an even chance of winning VISA cards ranging from \$75-\$500, or a consolation gift card from the Pines Convenience Center. Julie Raby won the Packer tickets. All employees received a \$50 Pines gift card and \$25 Pat's Foods card for this year's Christmas bonus. The event was planned by the Christmas Party Task Force. Everybody enjoyed the festive evening.

~ submitted by newsletter editor



Newsletter photo

Susan LaFerner presents the Tree of Christmas Fortune. Socks contained VISA cards for the winning Trivia contestants.



Newsletter photo

Contestant Lynn Aho with CEO Larry Denomie, who hosted the Christmas trivia game.

ATTENTION:
ALL TRIBAL COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN

Applications for **Small Boat and Large Boat Commercial Fishing Licenses** for the **Year 2010-2011** Commercial Fishing Season are available at the KBIC License Department located in the KBIC Tribal Center. The new license year will begin: May 1, 2010. Applications must be returned to the **Licensing/Motor Vehicle Office** by: **Friday, February 12, 2010**. All applications for licenses will be reviewed and selected by the Tribal Council. The license fees are: \$75.00 for Small Boat-On Reservation; \$200.00 for Small Boat-Off Reservation; and \$500.00 for Large Boat-Off Reservation. All tribal members who apply must have completed the required **U.S. Food and Drug Administration Hazard Analysis and critical Point (HACCP) training** and present a copy of the certificate with the application. A **Boat Safety Fishing Vessel Examination** with a certified official must be completed and that documentation must be provided with the application. The application also requests fishing vessel information including the vessel name, number & length.

For Boat Safety Inspections contact:

Officer Tim Tilson/KBIC Conservation 353-6626
Officer Dale Goodreau/KBIC Conservation 353-6626
U.S. Coast Guard/Hancock 482-1520



New Schedule/Ojibwe Language teachings
Apprentice teachings:

JoAnne Racette—TBA;
Lisa Denomie—10am daily at Pre-primary/daycare building;
Terri Denomie—2 pm Fridays at EHS/HS building in Zeba;
Joe Dowd— 6 pm Tuesdays at his residence in Zeba (temporary);
Liz Julio— 3:30 pm Tuesdays at Ojibwa Community College;
Dale Shalifoe— 6 pm Mondays at OHA Senior's Complex (Commons area)

Wednesday night Language Table: Chippewa Room #1, Ojibwa Motel 7 pm.

The public is welcome to attend any of these teachings. Lisa and Terri's teachings occur with the children of their respective programs.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Employment Opportunities

On Call positions:



<http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm>

- * Community Service Supervisor
- * LPN
- * RN
- * Unit Manager
- * Account Executive/Sales
- * Cashier
- * Family Aide
- * Receptionist/Clerical Worker
- * Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant
- * Youth Program & Facility Attendant

* Dental Hygienist—January 6, 2010

For current job listings, complete job announcements, applications and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit: www.ojibwa.com.

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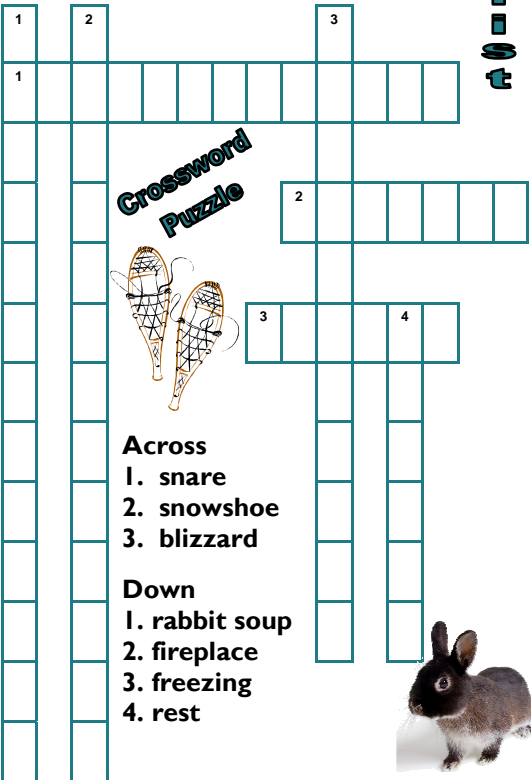
OJIBWEMOWIN Gichi Manidoo Giizis — Great Spirit Moon—January

The language page was designed from reference of "A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe" by John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm, and from the Freelang Ojibwe/English on-line dictionary.
~ Designed by newsletter editor

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Welcome Alexander Vincent Madosh-Green born 10/27/09, to Lisa Madosh and Eugene Ben Green. Alexander weighed 9 lbs. 1 oz. and was 21 ½ inches long at birth.



Welcome Maddan Charles Owens born 12/07/09, in Milwaukee, WI, to Jami and Randy Owens, Jr. Madderan weighed 8 lbs. 6 ozs. and was 20 inches long at birth.



VOAKES RETURNS HOME FROM AFGHANISTAN

KBIC member Christopher Voakes was amongst the soldiers of 1431st Sapper Unit who returned home to the Copper Country on November 24. These Soldiers headed out of the Copper Country on November 30, 2008, to Mississippi for training. They were deployed to Afghanistan where they searched for improvised explosive devices and served in a number of other areas. During the past two weeks, the soldiers returned stateside for debriefing at



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Camp Shelby. While serving his term, Christopher Voakes received a purple heart for injuries received from multiple direct IED explosions disabling the vehicles.

Christopher Voakes is greeted by his daughter Josilyn Rose. Photo complimentary of the L'Anse Sentinel, Chris Ford.



~ submitted by newsletter editor

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How Clean Is Your Air?

January is RADON ACTION MONTH—Test Your Home Today!!

The KBIC Natural Resources Department is distributing FREE self-test kits to Tribal Members during Radon Action Month. Contact Char Spruce at (906) 524-5757, ext. 14, for more information.

What is radon? Radon is a radioactive gas. It is colorless, odorless, tasteless, and chemically inert. Unless you test for it, there is no way of telling how much is present. Radon is formed by the natural radioactive decay of uranium in rock, soil, and water. Naturally existing, low levels of uranium occur widely in Earth's crust. It can be found in all 50 states. Once produced, radon moves through the ground to the air above. Some remains below the surface and dissolves in water that collects and flows under the ground's surface. Radon has a half-life of about four days—half of a given quantity of it breaks down every four days. When radon undergoes radioactive decay, it emits ionizing radiation in the form of alpha particles.

What health effects are associated with radon exposure? The Surgeon General has warned that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. There are currently no conclusive data on whether children are at greater risk than adults from radon. No specific subtype of lung cancer is associated with radon exposure. Only smoking causes more cases of lung cancer – if you smoke and have long-term exposure to radon, your chances of getting lung cancer are greatly increased. Radon gas decays into radioactive particles that can get trapped in your lungs when you breathe. As they break down further, these particles release small bursts of energy. This can damage lung tissue and lead to lung cancer over the course of your lifetime. Breathing radon does not cause any *short-term* health effects such as shortness of breath, coughing, headaches, or fever, so it is not possible to know if you have been exposed right-away.

What is the "acceptable" level of radon in air? The EPA states that any radon exposure carries some risk; no level of radon exposure is always safe. However, EPA recommends homes be fixed if an occupant's long-term exposure will average **4 picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** or higher.

How often is indoor radon a problem? Nearly one out of every 15 homes has a radon level EPA considers to be elevated—4 pCi/L or greater. The U.S. average radon-in-air level in single family homes is 1.3 pCi/L. Because most people spend as much as 90 percent of their time indoors, indoor exposure to radon is an important concern.

How does radon get into a building? Most indoor radon comes into the building from the soil or rock beneath it. Most of the gas moves through cracks and other openings. Once inside, the radon can become trapped and concentrated. Openings which commonly allow easy flow of the gases in include the following:

- Cracks in floors and walls
- Openings around sump pumps and drains
- Gaps in suspended floors
- Cavities in walls
- Joints in construction materials
- Gaps around utility penetrations (pipes and wires)

Radon may also be dissolved in water, particularly well water. After coming from a faucet, about one ten thousandth of the radon in water is typically released into the air. The more radon there is in the water, the more it

Eating Green: Beyond Spinach

What does it mean to eat green, and why is it important? Industrial agriculture relies heavily on synthetic chemical pesticides and fertilizers, the use of fossil fuels, and concentrated operations such as feedlots, factory farms, and crop monoculture. These practices place a burden on the environment and human health. As consumers we have the choice of more sustainable, green options.

Reduce Meat Consumption

Reducing the consumption of meat produces the greatest benefit to both human health and the environment. Meat is the most resource intensive food requiring large amounts of water, grain, land, and chemical inputs including hormones, pesticides, fertilizers, and antibiotics. Moreover, animal based diets that are high in saturated fat and protein are linked to heart disease; colon, breast, and prostate cancer; and type II diabetes. David Pimentel, Professor of Ecology in Cornell University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, found some interesting facts:

- The seven billion livestock animals in the United States consume five times as much grain as is consumed directly by the entire American population.
- Each year an estimated 41 million tons of plant protein is fed to U.S. livestock to produce an estimated seven million tons of animal protein for human consumption.
- On average, animal protein production in the U.S. requires 28 kilocalories (kcal) for every kcal of protein produced for human consumption. Beef and lamb are the most costly, in terms of fossil fuel energy input to protein output at 54:1 and 50:1, respectively. Turkey and chicken meat production are the most efficient (13:1 and 4:1, respectively). Grain production, on average, requires 3.3 kcal of fossil fuel for every kcal of protein produced.
- U.S. agriculture accounts for 87 percent of all the fresh water consumed each year. Every kilogram of beef produced takes 100,000 liters of water. Some 900 liters of water go into producing a kilogram of wheat. Potatoes are even less "thirsty," at 500 liters per kilogram.
- More than 302 million hectares of land are devoted to producing feed for the U.S. livestock population.
- About 90 percent of U.S. cropland is losing soil -- to wind and water erosion -- at 13 times above the sustainable rate.

Go Organic

Organic farming is a form of agriculture that relies on crop rotation, green manure, compost, biological pest control, and mechanical cultivation to maintain soil productivity and control pest, excluding or strictly limiting the use of synthetic fertilizers and synthetic pesticides, plant growth regulators, livestock feed additives, and genetically modified organisms. When you eat organic, you are not only



putting healthy food in your body but supporting a healthy ecosystems and workers who are safer from chemicals. Buying organic can be more expensive. The Environmental Working Group created a guide to help consumers choose which fruits and vegetables to buy organic to reduce pesticide exposure. Below is a list of the dirty dozen (those you should buy organic) and the clean 15 (those that have less pesticide residues).

Dirty Dozen	Clean 15
1. Peach	1. Onion
2. Apple	2. Avocado
3. Bell Pepper	3. Sweet Corn
4. Celery	4. Pineapple
5. Nectarine	5. Mango
6. Strawberries	6. Asparagus
7. Cherries	7. Sweet Peas
8. Kale	8. Kiwi
9. Lettuce	9. Cabbage
10. Grapes (imported)	10. Eggplant
11. Carrot	11. Papaya
12. Pear	12. Watermelon
	13. Broccoli
	14. Tomato
	15. Sweet Potato

Buy Local

Buying or harvesting seasonal, local food reduces the amount of energy required for food production because of the closer distance from farm to plate. According to the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, food, on average, travels 1,500 miles to get to your local grocery store. Buying local also supports the local economy and puts more money in the farmers' pocket by not having to spend so much on packing, processing, refrigeration, marketing, and shipping. Better yet try to grow your own garden (organically of course) to bring the food even closer to home.

Other Ideas

Look for unpackaged or minimally packaged foods, instead of buying foods that come in excessive packaging (most of which is petroleum-based plastics). Experiment with bringing your own containers and buying in bulk, or pick brands that use bio-based plastic packing. And of course, try and recycle or reuse any packaging you end up with.

Buy less, waste less. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, food leftovers are the single-largest component of the waste stream by weight in the United States. Over 12 percent of the total municipal solid waste generated in American households was food scraps and less than three percent was recovered. The rest was thrown away and disposed in landfills or combusted in incinerators. Composting leftovers will ease the burden on the landfill, and give you a great organic fertilizer for healthy garden soil.

If you have any questions or would like more information, contact the Natural Resources Department at 524-5757.

~ submitted by Katherine Kruse

can contribute to the indoor radon level. The average outdoor air level is about 0.4 pCi/L, but it can be higher in some areas. While radon problems may be more common in some geographic areas, any home may have an elevated radon level. New and old homes, well-



sealed and drafty homes, and homes with or without basements can have a problem. Homes below the third floor of a multi-family building are particularly at risk.

January has been declared as National Radon Action Month by the Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as an effort to take action against radon by educating people on the risks of exposure, testing, and mitigation. Learn more at <http://www.epa.gov/radon/nram/>.

~ submitted by Char Spruce

L’Anse Reservation Well Abandonments Update



In 2004, we received funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Environmental Management program to abandon unused Tribal member wells on the L’Anse Reservation. To date we have abandoned 17 wells that were no longer in use.

Unused wells pose a risk to drinking water sources by providing a potential pathway for contaminants to be released directly to groundwater. Abandoning unused wells by sealing them with cement or bentonite eliminates this potential risk and helps ensure groundwater aquifers are protected.

Well abandonments have been contracted out to Rhinelander Well Drilling and Larson Well and Pump Company. Tribal Construction Company has sealed some shallow, dug wells located on-Reservation.

Well abandonment is just one of the many ways your Natural Resource Department is working to protect human health and environmental quality on the Reservation. If you have knowledge of an unabandoned well or have any questions, please contact Micah Petoskey, Water Resources Specialist, KBNRD at 524-5757 ext. 15 or mpetoskey@kbic-nsn.gov.

~ submitted by Micah Petoskey

COLLEGE PREP MEDICINE

High school students from across Michigan visited Northern Michigan University in Marquette recently for the College Prep Medicine Wheel Academy. The academy was the brainchild of two women in the NMU Center for Native American Studies: faculty member, Adriana Greci Green and director, April Lindala.

They realized there were limited opportunities for Native American high school students in the region to obtain an in-depth campus experience (unlike middle school students who attend a summer leadership program at NMU). They also recognized that there was little Native American representation in the health sciences, particularly nursing.

The two-year program was funded by the NMU Wildcat Innovation Fund and the NMU College of Arts and Sciences. Several partners from Marquette General Health System, along with faculty and students from the university’s School of Nursing and Clinical Sciences Department, contributed to the success of the program.

“We have been hearing very positive and enthusiastic feedback from the youth who visited with us and their chaperones, as well as from the faculty who participated,” said Greci Green. “We are grateful to the NMU students who ran the workshops, mentored these high school students, and shared their own personal passions about their chosen fields. It was engaging, informational, and fun. I don’t think the youth were ever bored or disinterested; tired, perhaps, but definitely into it. We also had community participation in the karaoke/drum social and some special time at the fire site with my colleague Kenn Pitawanakwat, who brought it all back to center.”

Niim Reinhardt, a senior from Gwinn, participated in the College Prep Medicine Wheel Academy. She said it opened her eyes to the variety of health-related career choices available.

“I now know that health care doesn’t always have to mean being a doctor or nurse,” she added. “There are many people who go into fields like speech, physical therapy, and hear-



Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College

Spring 2010 Schedule of Courses

"Catch Your Dream Through A Superior Education"

Spring Semester 2010 Monday January 11th to Friday April 30th	Course Number and Name	Instructor	Day	Time	Location
Orientation January 5th 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.	AR105 Ojibwa Beadwork (3 credits) Native American Awareness elective Course limited to 10 students Course Fee \$50	J. Racette	Tue	5:30pm-8:20pm	Annex/Fine Arts Studio
	AR103 Art Appreciation (4 credits) Humanities elective	M. Hronkin	Thurs	5:00pm-8:50pm	Rm 111
	AR207 Photography (3 credits)	M. Hronkin	Tues	5:00pm-8:50pm	Rm 112
Locations/ Contacts: Main Campus 111 Beartown Baraga, MI 49908 Library/Science Center 409 Superior Baraga, MI 49908 KBOCC Annex 325 Superior Baraga, MI 49908 Main Line (906) 353-4600 Admissions Information 353-4604 Registration Information 353-4605 Language Program Coordinator 353-4178 Library Phone 353-8183 Science Lab 353-8182 Website www.kbocc.org Advising Early Childhood Education Mary DeLine 353-4608 Environmental Science Erin Johnston 353-8182 Liberal Studies Penny Olson 353-4609 Undeclared Cherie Dakota 353-4628 or Kristin Tepsa 353-4602	Early Childhood Education				
	CE119 Infant and Toddler Programming (3 credits) Prerequisite: PY101 or instructor's permission	M. DeLine	Thurs	5:00pm-7:50pm	Rm115
	CE119 CDA Preparation Seminar (2 credits) Prerequisite: instructor's permission	M. DeLine	Mon	5:00pm-8:50pm	Rm 1
	CE223 Children's Literature (3 credits)	M. DeLine	Wed	5:00pm-7:50pm	Rm 1 Lib./Sci Ctr
	CE276 ECE Practicum (4 credits) Prerequisite: CE110 and First Aid/ CPR	M. DeLine	arranged	arranged	arranged
	CE390 Early Childhood Program Management (3 credits) Prerequisite: CE110 or instructor's permission	M. DeLine	Tues, Thurs	3:00pm-4:20pm	Rm 111
	English				
	EN101 Reading Skills (1 credit)	P. Olson	Wed	5:00pm-5:55pm	Rm 112
	EN102 College Composition I (3 credits) Composition requirement	P. Olson	Tues, Thurs	5:00pm-8:20pm	Rm 113
	EN202 College Composition II (3 credits) Prerequisite: EN102 Composition requirement	P. Olson	Mon, Wed	3:30pm-4:50pm	Rm 113
EN260 Creative Writing (3 credits) Prerequisite: EN102	P. Olson	Mon, Wed	11:00am-12:20pm	Rm 113	
Humanities					
EN150 Introduction to Literature (4 credits) Humanities elective	P. Olson	Tues, Thurs	11:00am-12:50pm	Rm 113	
Information Systems					
IS120 Networking (4 credits) Prerequisite: IS105	M. Shanahan	Mon, Wed	3:00pm-4:50pm	Rm 112	
Mathematics					
MA100 Math Skills (1 credit) Recommended for students taking MA104	F. Underdown	Mon	4:00pm-4:50pm	Rm115	
MA104 Intermediate Algebra (4 credits)	F. Underdown	Mon, Wed	5:00pm-8:50pm	Rm 115	
MA201 Probability and Statistics (4 credits) Prerequisite: MA105 or Permission	E. Johnston	Tues, Thurs	1:00pm-2:50pm	Rm 115	
Native American Awareness					
OS205 Ojibwa Language and Culture II (4 credits) Prerequisite: OS110	J. Racette	Mon, Wed	5:30pm-7:20pm	Rm 113	
Science					
BI206 Principles of Ecology (4 credits) Lab Science elective Course limited to 6 students Lab Fee \$120	E. Johnston	Tues, Thurs	5:00pm-7:50pm	Science Lab	
ES235 Introduction to GIS (3 credits)	E. Johnston	Mon	1:00pm-4:00pm	Rm 115	
Social Science					
OS201 History of North American Indians (4 credits) Social Science elective Native American Awareness elective	J. Loonsfoot	Tues, Fri	11:00am-12:50pm	Rm 115	
PY210 Child Psychology (4 credits) Prerequisite: PY101 Social Science elective	F. Taddeucci	Mon	5:00pm-8:50pm	111	

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Registration is Open!

12/22/2009

The Ojibwa Community Library is excited about the newest addition to the library. PII, patron initiated interlibrary loan, is now available for those patrons who have internet at home. Visit the library to learn how to use this service. Also ask about MeL, Michigan electronic library, this gives you access to journals, magazines, newspapers, and books on nearly every topic imaginable. A great resource for everyone.

~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director



ing. This is a great way to introduce the health field to those who aren’t interested in it only because they know nothing about it. It’s also a great way to get more background information on the career you choose because you actually get to see what it is that those people do for a living and that influences your choice a lot.”

Betsy Trudeau, a senior at Hannahville Indian School, said, “It made me want to be a doctor even more. My favorite part of the pro-

gram was when I got to watch open-heart surgery at the hospital during my shadowing. I also learned about the prefusionists and what role they have in the operating room. I would suggest this program to other students who are interested in the health field, only because there aren’t many opportunities to go and visit inside a hospital and to meet the people we did.”

When asked if the program changed their viewpoints about the health field, Manistique junior Felicia Reid wrote, “I learned more about what I would like to work in medical field and how competitive it is.” One student commented in the anonymous survey that the best part of the program was being at the Center for Native American Studies fire site and learning more about Anishinaabe culture.

The next session of the College Prep Medicine Wheel Academy will take place in mid-May of 2010. Anyone interested in learning more should call the NMU Center for Native American Studies at 906-227-1397.

~ submitted by April Lindala



Mission: To provide affordable and attractive housing opportunities in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, encourage self-improvement of the community's low income families, and provide employment opportunities.

Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:

- Low income rental homes and apartments
 1. 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
 2. 50 Homes in Zeba
 3. 40 Homes in Marquette/Harvey;
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Bear Town Road;
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve members' financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve members' ability to maintain homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program – a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:
 1. Down payment assistance for home purchase;
 2. College tuition and expenses for residents;
 3. Business expansion/start-up expenses.
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying Tribal members;
- Low cost tax preparation program for residents and Tribal members;
- Surplus FEMA mobile home program for Tribal members;
- Stipend program covering mileage and child care expenses for residents attending college;
- Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
- Prescription subsidy program to reimburse Tribal elders and disabled households for prescriptions purchased;
- Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa Builders Construction Company—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
- Market rate rentals—five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negaunee- providing profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa BP, Car Wash and Laundry- providing Tribal employment, superior products and service, and profits for housing programs.

New Employees



"Good day! My name is Timothy A.E. Fillmore, most call me Tim. First of all, I would like to thank the KBIC for inviting me to work and be a part of their community as a member of Tribal

Social Services Department. As the Foster Care Title IV-E Project Director, I will be assisting the KBIC in implementing a strong and supportive program for the families and youth of the KBIC.

A little about myself, I'm a father of three awesome kids; Jack (7), Eileen Dawn (4) and baby Llewellyn (1½) and married to Kyra Ziolkowski-Fillmore. My life revolves around them, and when I'm not with them, I'm here! I attended Grand Valley State University and received a Bachelor of Science in Biology and Psychology (2000) and decided to spend a year in rural Alaska (2000-2001), where I taught secondary science in the Yup'ik speaking village of Chefornak. From here I completed a Master's degree in Environmental Policy at Michigan Technological University (2003) where I continued my research with the Yup'ik aiding them in documenting their ethnographic history for their Traditional Council. Upon completion of my Master's degree I worked for a year at KBOCC as Dean of Science and Math helping with their Environmental Science Program. I then took a job with the Bay Mills Indian Community where I taught secondary science classes for a year at their Ojibwe Charter School (2004-2005). Finally, I made way back to Marquette, where I started my Social Work career at Great Lakes Recovery Centers, where I worked for two years as a substance abuse counselor (2005-2007). Recently, I have spent the past two years working for Teaching Family Homes as a Family Specialist.

I am currently finishing a Clinical Master's Degree in Social Work from Michigan State University with the hope that knowledge through that program, the Creator, and KBIC will aide me in successfully serving your community."

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A m b e r Franti has been hired as an Information Technology Support Technician. Amber graduated from Michigan Tech in 2006, with a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics/Statistics.

Amber states, "I recently worked at Terex Handlers in the materials department, performing IT support on the side from regular duties. I was born and raised in Baraga County, and I am excited that I could find a job in the area with the tough economy, so I could raise my family here. I have a three-year-old son, Logan, and we currently reside in Covington. I enjoy playing softball, hanging out with family and friends, camping, and recently joined the bowling league."

KBNRD Assistance from Ottawa Sportsman's Club

Members of the Ottawa Sportsman's Club spent two days assisting KBNRD in marking >30,000 lake trout and brook trout for stocking into local streams. The size of fish ranged from four inches to eleven inch adult brook trout. As part of a typical hatchery operation protocol, fish that are to be introduced into the wild from a hatchery should be marked in a way that makes them identifiable as hatchery origin. In this case, 30,000 fish needed to have two of their fins "clipped" leaving a permanent mark for later survival research purposes. This is time consuming work, and we appreciate the efforts of the Ottawa Sportsman's Club! Thanks! (Miigwetch!)

Assisting were: Tim Bennett, Harm and Otto Bennink, Josh Dufek, Bill Lahti, Anthony LaPlante, Sr., Arnie Putala, Mike Roth, Harlan Tollefson, and Russ Weisinger.

Waste Management services provided by the Ojibwa Housing Authority will be separated between Wednesdays and Thursdays starting in 2010. Baraga housing residents and those located on Mission 41 will receive pick-up on Thursdays. All other Baraga households and L'Anse residents will continue Wednesday services. Contact OHA at 353-7117, ext 101, with any questions. Happy Holidays!



Did you know? Facts about the Ojibwa Senior Meal Program

- Congregate Meals are available at the Ojibwa Senior Center five days a week for seniors age 55 and up.
- Home Delivered Meals (HDM) are available to *qualified persons five days a week. (see below criteria)

In addition to providing nutrition services to older Indians, a Tribal organization may:

1. Provide nutrition services to the spouse of older Indians;
2. Provide nutrition service to non-elderly handicapped or disabled Indians who reside in housing facilities occupied primarily by the elderly, at which congregate nutrition services are provided;
3. Offer a meal, on the same basis as meals are provided to older Indians, to individuals providing volunteer services during meal hours;
4. Provide a meal to individuals with disabilities who reside in a non-institutional household with and accompany a person eligible for congregate meals under that part.

Criteria for home delivered meals include:

9.2.3.10 Title III C:

- A. Individuals eligible to receive congregate meals and nutrition support services include:
1. any person age 55 or older and his/her spouse regardless of age; or
 2. any handicapped or disabled individuals, who have not attained 55 years of age, but who reside in housing facilities occupied primarily by elderly persons at which congregate nutrition services provided; or
 3. Individuals, regardless of age, providing volunteer services during meal hours based on procedures established by each area agency; or
 4. Individuals with disabilities, regardless of age, who reside at home with or accompany eligible, older individuals, are eligible based on procedures established by each area agency, which allow nutrition providers the option to provide such services.
- B. Individuals eligible to receive home delivered meals and nutrition support services include those individuals, age 60 or older, who have been determined to be in need of home delivered meals based on an assessment of need, developed by the state agency and area agencies, which assesses functional ability, adequate support systems, and risk.
1. Area agencies must insure that each nutrition program uses written eligibility criteria to assess the need for service. At a minimum, the following criteria must be included:
 - a. an older individual must be home-bound, that is unable to leave home due to disabling physical emotional or cognitive impairment;
 - b. an older must be unable to participate in a congregate meal because of impairment or lack of appropriate transportation;
 - c. an individual is unable to obtain food and prepare a nutritious meal;
 - d. an individual has no family, friends or community support able and willing to assist in meal preparation.
 2. Depending on the individual's condition, the eligibility status must be re-evaluated on a regular basis but not less frequently than once every six months;
 3. Priority shall be given to emergency requests in which home delivered meals are started as soon as possible after the determination of urgent need.

* Please see Philly Ekdahl or call 353-6096.

CEO'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2009.

Activities reported by the CEO Larry Denomie for the month of November 2009.

Last month I reported on a grant opportunity for the Tribes Wellness Program. Unfortunately, there wasn't enough time to complete the grant application, and we conceded to have the Inter-Tribal Council of MI apply on our behalf. If ITC is funded, there may be a possibility that KBIC will have a wellness coordinator funded. The award notices are expected in early 2010.

In October of this year, I attended the two language programs the Tribe offers which are coordinated by Gary Loonsfoot, Jr. I was very impressed with what is taking place through the two programs, and our Community should be very proud of the accomplishment. I encourage everyone to stop by and see for themselves the outstanding progress that is taking place.

The first program I visited is under the instruction of Earl Otchingwanigan. The nearly three hour class is held every Thursday at the Tribe's Cultural Center located adjacent to the campground. The six apprentices and Earl are to be commended for their efforts and dedication to the program. It was clearly evident that progress is being made and acquisition of our language is occurring. The six apprentices; Lisa Denomie, Joe Dowd, Liz Julio, Terri Denomie, Dale Shalifoe and JoAnne Racette are all committed and are making a difference in the revitalization of our language.

The second program I visited was the Bay Mills Pane Immersion Program. That program is also showing success and is also conducted at the Cultural Center. Their classes take place one weekend per month totaling 24 hours and there are five sessions per semester. While partaking in the class, I was able to easily identify students who have been in the program longer than others such as Peggy Minton, Bev Lussier, Toni Minton, Peggy Dunn and others I didn't know. The instructors, Barbara Nolan and Rose Trudeau did an outstanding job with engaging the nearly 20 students who were in attendance in their all native language skits. Again, all of the students taking part in the program are to be commended for their part in revitalizing the language.

Both programs are very thankful for the Tribal Council's support of their programs and will in the near future attend one of your meetings to share their gift and experiences.

On November 13, the Ojibwa Community College hosted a celebration in light of their accomplishment of attaining initial candidacy status from the Higher Learning Commission. I wasn't able to attend the function but do extend congratulations to the Board of Regents, President Parrish and all of the staff and faculty who worked very hard to reach their goal.

During the month of November meetings

were held to further design and plan the Communities Solid Waste Transfer Station. Grant funds through the Indian Health Service totaling \$500,000 will be used to construct the facility in the Tribes Industrial Park. A business plan is being developed to operate the facility. Once operational, the business will create two to three new jobs.

On November 23rd and 24th, I participated in a comprehensive project development and capacity building initiative for a supportive housing program for the Tribe. The opportunity was planned and organized by Vicki Dompier of the Ojibwa Housing Authority. Two presenters involved with the Corporation for Supportive Housing led the full and half day sessions. The sessions took the group of KBIC and Ojibwa Housing Authority staff through a planning process which will aid us in formally putting together a plan. A small team of staff from both entities has been formed to further work on the project and we will be reporting to Council in the coming months.

The annual Christmas Gift Check distribution for Baraga and Marquette Counties took place on the 24th and 25th respectfully. The distribution totaled approximately \$800,000 which is going directly back into the local economies of surrounding communities through purchases being made by our members. During the distribution we were able to acquire additional information through a short survey for the Supportive Housing Project, collect birthdays, anniversaries and memorials for a Tribal Community Calendar, complete subscriptions for the Tribe's monthly newsletter, and sign children up for the annual youth Christmas Parties. We are hoping that none of the members who participated felt bombarded with the extra effort. The information gathered will be very useful, and we are very thankful for their time – we do apologize if anyone was inconvenienced.

I want to include some statistics relating to jobs created by the Tribe in this month's report. Over the past three years, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, through its enterprises, governmental operations and chartered entities, has created over 100 new jobs. That total doesn't include the many jobs created or sustained through many projects funded by the Tribe through Tribal and grant funds and awarded to local businesses. The Tribe has been and continues to be an integral part of reviving the local and regional economy. The upcoming projects and business opportunities under consideration will further work toward creating and sustaining needed jobs.

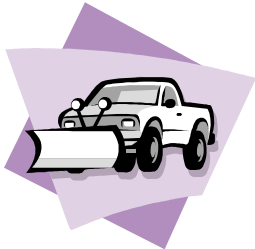
As always if anyone has questions, concerns or issues the CEO's office can assist with, please don't hesitate to stop by, e-mail or call.

Miigwetch,
Larry J. Denomie III, CEO

NOTICE: To all Tribal Seniors 55-years of age and older, and permanently physically handicapped persons:

SNOW PLOWING REQUIREMENTS

1. Keweenaw Bay Tribal member;
2. Head of household;
3. Reside on reservation (Baraga Co.);
4. Address and phone number;
5. Proof of age and/or PERMANENT physical disability;
6. Sign up at the front desk at the Tribal Center with proof of each item listed above or mail information to: Tribal Maintenance Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908.



Are you missing your Giikendaam Chiwiikwegamag in the mail?

- You may still request being added to the updated mailing list by contacting the Enrollment Office at 906-353-6623, ext. 4113, or by e-mail to one of the following - dianas@kbic-nsn.gov, jennifer@kbic-nsn.gov, or jeanne@kbic-nsn.gov and state that you wish to continue to receive the Tribal newsletter by mail, please spell your name and give your mailing address.
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January 2010 Calendars Events

Jan. 1 — Tribal Gov't offices closed, New Years Day

Jan. 9 — Regular Saturday Council Meeting, 10 a.m.

Jan. 18 — Tribal Gov't offices closed, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
~ submitted by newsletter editor

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your events. Some events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-date event listings, visit www.ojibwa.com and click on calendar. **For Youth events,** see @ www.ojibwa.com, click on youth club, or contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.

W.H.I.P.P. continued:

for the times).

Remember that the Walk & Talk Program is in progress until April. The OCC gym is available for walking from 10:30 am—1:30 pm each day with prizes every ten times you walk. Contact Heather or Kathy at the Donald A. LaPointe Health & Human Services from more information.

Also January is National Blood Donor Month. Blood is traditionally in short supply during the winter months due to the holidays, travel schedules, inclement weather and illness. Every day in our country, approximately 39,000 units of blood are required in hospitals and emergency treatment facilities for patients with cancer and other diseases, for organ transplant recipients, and to help save the lives of accident victims. Be watching for the next blood donor drive in our community and we encourage you to donate. Thank you to all who donate throughout the year, every year to save lives.

A very Happy, Healthy, New Year to all!

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~ submitted by Susan LaFerner

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NEWLY ELECTED AND RE-ELECTED SWORN IN



(above)—Secretary Toni Minton presented the Oath of Office to the newly elected and re-elected council members after the December 12, 2009 General Election results were certified at the January 2, 2010, Saturday Tribal Council meeting. Left to right: Toni Minton, Eddy Edwards, Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr., Susan J. LaFernier, and Jerry Lee Curtis.

(below)—Re-elected Chief Judge Bradley T. Dakota (left) was sworn in by President Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr., (right) at the January 2, 2010, Saturday Tribal Council meeting.



January 2, 2010 Tribal Council Meeting

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on January 2, 2010, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room. Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., presided over the meeting with Susan J. LaFernier, Toni Minton, William E. Emery, Jennifer Misegan, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFernier, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, and Isabelle

Helene Welsh present. President Swartz shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. Reports were given for December 2009, by President Swartz (page three), Vice President Susan J. LaFernier (page four), Secretary Toni Minton (page two), Treasurer Jennifer Misegan (page three), and CEO Larry Denomie (page five). Council passed the Department Head Reports for November 2009.

CEO Larry Denomie presented an analysis on the current heating costs for the Senior/Disabled heating program which Council had requested. Discussion revolved around the recently purchased FEMA trailers with electric heat which are being dealt with through the Ojibwa Housing Authority.

Diana Chaudier, Election Board Chair, presented the uncertified results from the KBIC General Election held on December 12, 2009, for certification. Baraga District votes: Jerry Lee Curtis (inc.) 229, Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr. (inc.) 273, Debbie Parrish 205, and Donny Shalifoe, Sr. 190. L’Anse District votes: Susan J. LaFernier (inc.) 271, Jennifer Misegan (inc.) 159, Eddy Michael Edwards 294, and JoAnne



Racette 177. Chief Judge votes: Bradley T. Dakota (inc.) 336 and Paul Smith 135. Results indicate that 73% of eligible voters cast their ballots in the 2009 General Election. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to certify the December 12, 2009, General Election, supported by Michael LaFernier, Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motioned carried.**

Reorganization nominations and secret ballot vote totals follow. There were two nominations for President: Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr. (nine votes), Frederick Dakota (three votes). **Warren “Chris” Swartz, Jr. was named President.** There were two nominations for Vice President: William E. “Gene” Emery (nine votes), Frederick Dakota (three votes). **William E. “Gene” Emery was named Vice President.** There was one nomination for Secretary: **Susan J. LaFernier was named Secretary** (unanimously). There was one nomination for Assistant Secretary: **Elizabeth “Chiz” Matthews was named Assistant** (1) Bezbig

Tribal Council Members:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
 William E. Emery, Vice-President
 Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary
 Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Asst. Secretary
 Eddy Edwards, Treasurer
 Toni Minton
 Elizabeth D. Mayo
 Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
 Jerry Lee Curtis
 Frederick Dakota
 Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.
 Isabelle H. Welsh



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- January 2, 2010, Tribal Council meeting
- KBIC implements Smart Learning System
- KBNRD, Jumbo River revisited
- KBNRD, Uranium in Drinking Water
- February is Heart Month
- DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner for December
- New Employees
- Aabinoojiyens
- Deepest Sympathy

Continued January 2, Council meeting:

Secretary (unanimously). There were three nominations for Treasurer; however, Toni Minton declined: Eddy Edwards (nine votes) and Frederick Dakota (three votes). **Eddy Edwards was named Treasurer.**

Motion by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., to accept for depository of funds 1) Superior National Bank, 2) Wells Fargo, and 3) Republic Bank, supported by Michael LaFernier, Sr., ten supported (Minton, Emery, Edwards, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Matthews, Mayo, Welsh), 0 opposed, one abstained (S. LaFernier), motion carried.

Motion by William E. Emery to have one Council member of the Executive Board and one Council member at large sign each check, supported by Frederick Dakota, ten supported (S. LaFernier, Minton, Emery, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFernier, Loonsfoot, Matthews, Mayo, Welsh), one opposed (Edwards), 0 abstained, motion carried.

Motion by Jerry Lee Curtis to have

the Chief Tribal Judge, Associate Tribal Judge, Chief Court Clerk, and the twelve council members for the Tribal Court checking signatures which requires any two signatures, supported by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

Motion by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. to have the Chief Tribal Judge, Associate Tribal Judge, Chief Court Clerk, the Interim Director/Support Specialist, and the twelve council members for the Tribal Child Support Enforcement checking signatures which requires any two signatures, supported by Jerry Lee Curtis, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

President Swartz reported that he had signed an amendment to the Defined Benefit Plan to take into account two changes in Federal law relating to the plan, (Pension Protection Act and the Heart Act). There were no substantive changes to the plan. Mr. Baker reviewed the amendment for President Swartz prior

to his signing the amendment on December 30, which required a December 31 signature. President Swartz requested a ratification of the President's execution to that amendment of the Defined Benefit Plan. **Motion by Frederick Dakota to ratify the President's execution of the amendment to the Defined Benefit Plan taking into account changes in Federal law relating to the plan, supported by Michael LaFernier, Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Vice President, William "Gene" Emery, presented a donation request for the 1431st Sapper Welcome Home Party for returning troops on March 6, 2010, at the L'Anse American Legion. **Motion by Eddy Edwards to donate \$750 as requested for the 1431st Sapper Welcome Home Party for returning troops, supported Michael LaFernier, Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**

Council went into closed session with President Swartz on the agenda.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2009.

In December 2009, the Tribal Council had one Regular Tribal Council Meeting and three Special Council Meetings. The Regular Council Meeting was held on December 5, 2009, and is covered in the January 2010 Tribal Newsletter.

At the council meeting held December 3, 2009, following actions were taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of July 11, and July 14, 2009;
- Approved \$5,000 for the Baraga Ojibwa Seniors and \$1,600 for the Marquette Ojibwa Seniors and \$25 gift cards per senior for their Christmas Parties;
- Tabled the Ethics Code Review until after the General Election;
- Approved a donation of \$1,000 for the Baraga County Regional Interagency Consumer Committee Christmas Party;
- Approved the bid of Lyndon Ekdahl in the amount of \$7,366 for the Commodity Foods Center Roof Repair;
- Approved the bid of Sid Harvey in the amount of \$6,990.34 for a walk-in cooler at the Commodity Foods Center;
- Approved the bid from Fox Motors in the amount of \$24,086 for a new shuttle van for the Marquette Casino;
- Denied the request of the Committee for Citizen Awareness to participate in their "U.S. Congress and You" DVD;
- Agreed to resume random drug testing at New Day;
- Approved the purchase of a third cash register in the amount of \$5,535 from Northwest Petroleum Services to go along with our upgrade;
- Approved November donations.

At the council meeting held December 10, 2009, following actions were taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of July 16, and 17, 2009;
- Approved the request of Negaunee Township to use \$11,000 of water set aside 2% funds for their General Fund;
- Approved KB1723-2009 Daniel Koski Residential Lease;
- Approved a donation of \$220 for Brenda Brunk for her hot water heater repair;
- Approved amending the emergency funds so up to a \$520 total will be allowed for hot water heaters;
- Approved the Business License renewal of Donald Messer and Jason Messer for Da Shack;
- Donated \$1,000 to the United Tribes of Michigan for the Racino Issue;
- Approved a donation of \$100 and a tank of gas from the Pines for Joanne Lamson for her legal travel request;
- Agreed to develop a program for attaining GED/Diplomas for Tribal Members in the local jail;
- Approved the Purchase and Installation Agreement with Northwest Petroleum Services for the new gas pumps at the Pines;
- Approved the Independent Contractor Agreement with Millennium Services for mining consultant services.

At the council meeting held December 17, 2009, following actions were taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of July 23, July 29, and August 4, 2009;
- Held the Third Reading of Amendments to Gaming Commission Proposed Ordinance 2009-04 and Gaming Regulatory Proposed Ordinance 2009-05;
- Adopted the amendments to Gaming

- Commission Proposed Ordinance 2009-04 and Gaming Regulatory Proposed Ordinance 2009-05;
- Adopted the Commercial Construction Fees Schedule for the Building Inspector;
- Directed Debbie Picciano to gather information on heating assistance amounts from November through May for the next Council meeting;
- Approved Resolution KB1718-2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Maintenance Contract for road repair and restoration;
- Agreed to open a separate bank account in January for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Maintenance funds;
- Approved Resolution KB1724-2009 Ed Bourdage/Brad Dakota Lease transfer;
- Approved the purchase of GPS equipment from Seiler in the amount of \$9,442 for the ANA Land Use Management Plan;
- Added Dickinson County to the service area of the Student Sovereign Fund;
- Approved the bid of Instrument Technology Corporation in the amount of \$5,895 for a digital water leak detector for the Zeba water plant;
- Approved the bid of Energenecs in the amount of \$14,355 for upgrading the Zeba pump station.

I would like to thank the Community and fellow Council members for allowing me to serve as your Secretary for the past three years. I have striven to keep the Community informed of all actions taken by Council each month. Chi Miigwetch.

Respectfully submitted,
Toni Minton, Secretary

Ojibwa Community College is offering a photography course this spring. Part of the course includes student projects aimed at digitally recording photographs of the elders in the tribe. With the aide of mentors, students will be taking photos of KBIC senior citizens, aged 55 and above, as part of a tribal history project. Photos will be taken at the senior citizen's building beginning in

February. Specific times and dates will be posted at the senior building. Sign up sheets will be available at the College and senior center. For more information, contact Cherie Dakota at 353-4628 or Megan Shanahan at 353-4604.



PRESIDENT’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2009.

Activities Reported by the President, Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., for the month of December.

- Early in the month, I met with Julie Ricci from Wells Fargo Bank. We discussed the 401K amendment, EGTTRA, and the Defined Benefit Plan. She informed me that the 401K plan, despite the bad economy, earned 3%.
- I participated in a conference call with the Presidents and Chiefs of Michigan. We talked about the racinos that are being proposed in Michigan. There is a big concern that this is going to have a negative impact on Indian Gaming in Michigan, particularly to the downstate tribes. We decided to conduct a public opinion poll of likely Michigan voters to get a better assessment of where we’re at with the voters of Michigan on this issue.
- I asked our Community Assistance Programs Director to respond to a questionnaire from CITGO’s home heating assistance program. Hopefully, we’ll get funded again this year. Last year it helped those who needed assistance to heat their homes in the winter.
- I attended a retirement committee meeting in the conference room at the Tribal Center. We discussed a number of issues including the 401K amendment, defined benefit plan, and concerns of the Ojibwa Housing Authority. We decided that I would meet with the Executive Director of Housing and get the facts on the 401K issue.
- The Council approved \$10,000 out of the set aside 2% funds to assist Negaunee Township in updating its master plan. Negaunee Township wished to address its outdated master plan to address necessary changes to meet the requirements of the Michigan planning enabling account and the Michigan Zoning enabling account. The Ford Road Water Main Project previously approved for funding from the 2% account is nearing completion. Travis Engineering Service is in the process of obtaining an easement and finalizing the plans for the project. Negaunee Township Board thanks the Community for their support and looks forward to working with us.
- I met with an individual named Aaron from Superior Coaches. He was requesting, on behalf of Arvon Township, to buy the school bus that has been

- parked behind the bingo hall. I let him know that I would have to ask Council and get back with him. Council denied the request as we are planning on using the bus in the future.
- We received a donation of manoomin from GLIFWC. This donation was made in part by a grant from the Administration of Native Americans. GLIFWC received manoomin from Tribal harvesters in exchange for equipment to help process their goods. The manoomin was donated to Tribal senior citizens, cultural committee, and Tribal leaders. ANA manoomin project is in its final year of a two-year project.
 - We met with W.J. Strickland, program specialist with the Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Children, Youth and Families. He is with the Program Branch of the Head Start Bureau. We currently serve 40 Head Start and 36 Early Head Start children. Our intent for the meeting was to see how we can move forward with relinquishing the services of the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan. There are a number of items that need to be addressed prior to officially moving forward, but with the exemplary practices here, I’m confident the CEO’s office and Terri Denomie, along with her staff, can get it done.
 - I participated in a conference call with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. We talked about the state’s proposal to raise the daily limit on lake trout from three to five fish. We believe that the lake trout levels have not been rehabilitated to historical levels. There is potential for negative impact due to not protecting the spawning reefs. This may deplete the smaller class of fish because of the increased bag limits. We asked the state to consider closing down the lake trout spawning refuge areas during spawning season.
 - I reappointed Roger Duschene to serve a one year appointment on the Farm Service Agencies County Committee. He served last year and was willing to continue the appointment.
 - I participated in a conference call with the Department of Justice. The DOJ informed us that they are going to be working on an application that is designed to have all grants submitted on one application. The application is being developed and will be forwarded to

- tribes at the first of the year. We need to combine our requests for each program that is administered by DOJ. There were many concerns with the DOJ’s development of this new application. We felt it would be more appropriate to have regional meetings to get appropriate comments from each region.
- The Senate Judiciary Committee passed the Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking Act—PACT. No date has been set for a full Senate vote, but if passed, the PACT Act would prohibit the U.S. Postal Service from delivering cigarettes and certain other tobacco products effectively putting Indian-owned mail order tobacco businesses out of operation. The PACT Act purports to stop cigarette trafficking and cigarettes sales to minors. Tribes also support these goals and support provisions to address these goals. Unfortunately, as currently written, the PACT Act is too broad. It essentially stops all legal internet tobacco sales by banning “use of U.S. mail and forces tribes to report to the states on their Tribal tobacco sales that are “delivery sales.” Forcing tribes to report their Tribal tobacco sales to the states is a direct infringement on sovereignty and treaty rights and will also dramatically disempower Tribal governments in compact negotiations with states. In addition, a ban on internet sales will destroy some tribally-regulated private economies, as well as Tribal revenues that support Tribal health and education programs. It also sets a very bad precedent for other Tribal governments whose private economies could also be targeted by Congress.
 - I heard some good news on Christmas Eve. The Senate passed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act by a vote of 60-39. The final bill included the Indian Health Care Improvement Act which was part of the Reid manager’s amendment as well as several provisions for Indian Country for health care reform. After the holidays, the House and the Senate will work to resolve the differences in the two bills to produce a final package to be voted on by both chambers.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., President

DECEMBER 2009 TREASURER’S REPORT.

It has been an honor to have served this Community as its Treasurer for the last three years. Miigwetch to those of you who voted for me, who have helped me, supported me, and encouraged me. I truly appreciate each and every one of you.

Going into this past election I thought I knew what to expect, the usual deceitful letters filled with impossible promises, accusations about my integrity, questions regarding my position on issues, etc. What I did not expect was that my son would be harassed by my opponent’s wife at work or that many who I have helped and supported would turn against me because I spoke out against an issue that they were in favor of. Our job as Council members is

to protect the Tribe, not to serve any particular person or special interest group, and I remained loyal to my Tribe. I have never been much of a politician, just an ordinary Tribal member who is unwilling to settle for anything less than what I believe is the best for our Tribe.

There are many issues that we have been working on but that have yet to be completed: tobacco products manufacturing and stamping, the Ethics Ordinance, the revision of our Criminal Code, restriction of other Indians in our Home Territory, the adoption of a Mining Ordinance, revision of the Keweenaw Bay Economic Development Corporation Ordinance to separate business from politics, just to name a

few. Many of these are difficult challenging matters, and I encourage the Council to continue working on them, and I look forward to following their progress.

Winston Churchill said, “Politics is almost as exciting as war and quite as dangerous. In war you can only be killed once, but in politics many times.”

I can attest to that ☺!

Congratulations to the election’s winners, and God bless the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

Baamapii!!

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Misegan, Treasurer

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2009.

Activities reported by the Vice President, Susan LaFerner, for the month of December 2009.

We all need to commit to do our part to make a difference to protect our environment and change the world. I hope that you have been learning how to save and conserve energy to protect our Earth if you are able. I have emphasized all year that every month is "Energy Awareness Month," and our theme for the year was "Commit to Conserve." There are simple, everyday conservation measures we can all easily commit to. There are also everyday measures we can do to reduce air pollution, conserve water, reduce/reuse/recycle/re-buy materials, and prevent pollution in general. Once again, October was Energy Awareness Month! This year's theme, "A Sustainable Energy Future—Putting All the Pieces Together" encourages you to see yourself as a piece of a large puzzle in shaping our energy future and moving our nation toward energy independence. All of this information is available on the EPA.gov and energy.gov websites.

Thank you to everyone who cares and protects our earth and water everyday. It is our responsibility: Tribe's, residents, municipalities, businesses and visitors to protect and restore the quality of Lake Superior's (and all of our lakes) waters, land, and wildlife. The lakes have always been and always will be important to the quality of our life.

We continue to have monthly meetings with our employee wellness group and our Blue Cross representative/Employee Benefit Agency. The official name for the Task Force is: W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program). The members of the task force also developed a mission statement that reads: "The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program (W.H.I.P.P.) is dedicated to improving and maintaining the general health and well being of our employees, dependents, and community members. Our goal is to provide information, activities, motivation, services, and recognition to enhance the ability of people to better manage their own health, improve their quality of life, and reduce their risk of disease and injury. Positive lifestyle choices develop a culture that is focused on celebrating and improving the quality of life for all. It is never too

late to encourage positive lifestyle changes that will help us live longer, healthier, happier lives.

As we know, on August 18, 2009, the Administrative Law Judge Patterson issued a proposed decision in our contested case hearing regarding the Kennecott's mining permit and groundwater permit for the Yellow Dog Plains/Eagle Rock. Fencing it off will materially affect its use as a place of worship. This should in some manner be accommodated and would best be done by relocating the access to the mine to a location that will not interfere with that function. This decision was sent to DEQ Director Steven Chester, and our written exceptions/comments regarding this decision were also sent on October 2, 2009, directly to Mr. Chester who considered the comments and then made a request for more information regarding Eagle Rock and the legality of the judge's decision. This information was filed by December 7, 2009, and we are waiting for his final determination and order on the permits. We have now been informed that Director Chester is resigning from his position effective January 4, 2010. He will be pursuing new career opportunities.

Chuck Brumleve and I were invited to do a presentation at the Ojibwa Community College's Ecology Class on November 23, 2009, regarding the proposed Kennecott mining project in the Yellow Dog Plains. Mr. Brumleve also attended and gave comments at the public hearing in Ishpeming on December 1, 2009, regarding the proposed issuance of permits for the redevelopment and operation of the Humboldt Mill. We also submitted written comments on December 29, 2009, regarding the mill use by Kennecott MDEQ, and also announced that a public hearing to review the permit to build Kennecott's south haul road, known now as the Woodland Road, from the Yellow Dog Plains to Humboldt Township will be held on February 10, 2010, at 7 p.m., at the Westwood High School in Ishpeming. The company plans to cross eight waterways including the Yellow Dog River, Mulligan Creek, Dead River, Middle Branch Escanaba River, Wildcat Canyon, and more. According to the company, thirty-eight acres of wetlands will be removed.

Please continue to call/write your elected officials and tell them that the short term benefits are not worth the harmful

long term effects on our health, rivers, Great Lakes, woods, and wild places because of the great potential for acid mine drainage. Please call me or write if you would like to review the National Wildlife Federation's DVD "Mining Madness, Water Wars: The Great Lakes In The Balance."

The government employee Christmas party was enjoyed by all on December 5. Everyone had fun with "The Tree of Christmas Fortune Trivia Giveaway" game. CEO Larry Denomie did an excellent job as the game host asking questions and singing songs, and the employees were impressive as they did a great job with their answers and singing. We also enjoyed a great meal presented by the Migizi Wadiswan (Eagle's Nest) Restaurant. A big thank you to the task force as so much work goes into the planning and preparation of these parties. We all appreciate the work that they do.

I also attended our Baraga Ojibwa Senior Citizen's Christmas party on December 18. There was great entertainment and food once again, and all seats were taken. Thank you for a great party.

Remember to continue to pray for and honor all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families. Welcome home to the 1431st! Also remember those who are ill, have lost loved ones in the last year and for our economic struggles. Let us be thankful for our beautiful area, and we pray for peace in the world, good health, happiness, and a blessed New Year.

We also continue to recognize the richness of Native American contributions, accomplishments, and sacrifices to the political, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States.

On December 16, 2009, the Drug Court team who attended training last February and other interested persons attended a meeting to begin planning for the drug court grant that will need to be completed and submitted by February 11, 2010. Planning meetings are scheduled for each week in January.

Remember the Drug Tip Line number is 353-DRUG or 353-3784. You will be seeing yellow banners around the reservation with this drug tip line number displayed.

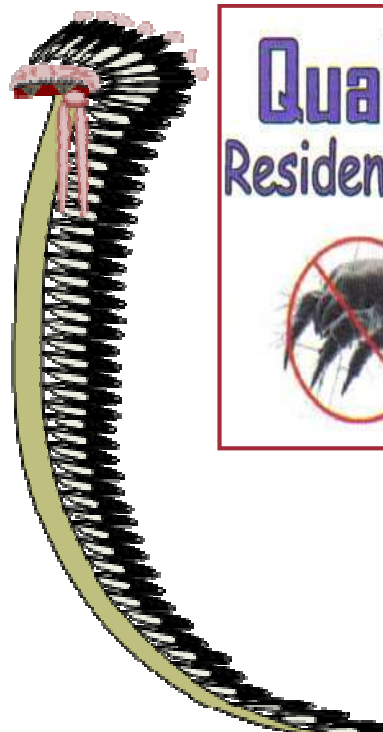
Miigwetch,
Susan LaFerner, Vice President

ATTENTION: ALL TRIBAL COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN

Applications for **Small Boat and Large Boat Commercial Fishing Licenses** for the **Year 2010-2011** Commercial Fishing Season are available at the KBIC License Department located in the KBIC Tribal Center. The new license year will begin: May 1, 2010. Applications must be returned to the **Licensing/Motor Vehicle Office** by: **Friday, February 12, 2010**. All applications for licenses will be reviewed and selected by the Tribal Council. The license fees are: \$75.00 for Small Boat-On Reservation; \$200.00 for Small Boat-Off Reservation; and \$500.00 for Large Boat-Off Reservation. All tribal members who apply must have completed the required **U.S. Food and Drug Administration Hazard Analysis and critical Point (HACCP) training** and present a copy of the certificate with the application. A **Boat Safety Fishing Vessel Examination** with a certified official must be completed and that documentation must be provided with the application. The application also requests fishing vessel information including the vessel name, number & length.

For Boat Safety Inspections contact:

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	<u>48 Contiguous United States</u>	<u>Alaska</u>
<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Income Limits</u>	<u>Income Limits</u>
1	\$1,044	\$1,369
2	\$1,356	\$1,759
3	\$1,667	\$2,149
4	\$1,991	\$2,539
5	\$2,329	\$2,929
6	\$2,666	\$3,334
7	\$2,978	\$3,724
8	\$3,290	\$4,114
Each addi- tional mem- ber	+ \$312	+ \$390

*The net monthly income standard for each household size is the sum of the applicable Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) net monthly income eligibility standard and the applicable SNAP standard deduction.

Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(f)

Dependant Care Deduction — Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.

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Child Support Deduction — Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.

* **Cannot be on food stamps.**

Our Deepest Sympathy

Sr. Mary Carla Loonsfoot

December 29, 1941—December 27, 2009



Sr. Mary Carla Loonsfoot, age 67, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, died Sunday morning, December 27, 2009, at Holy Family Convent, Manitowoc. The former Rose Mary Loonsfoot was born December 29, 1941, in Baraga, Michigan, daughter of the late Arthur & Louise Shelafoe Loonsfoot. She entered the convent in 1958, and professed her vows in 1963. Sister Mary Carla received a certificate from Waukesha County Technical Institute, Waukesha, Wisconsin, in Principle of Quantity Food Production. Sister Mary Carla served as a homemaker at St. John Indian Mission, Komatke, San Jose Mis-

CEO’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2009.
Activities reported by the CEO Larry Denomie for the month of December 2009.

This report, as you well know, marks the end of 2009. The past year has been challenging while rewarding at the same time. The 700 plus employees of the Tribe have all played a key role in our success and are to be thanked for their hard work and dedication.

The month of December was a short month due to holidays and additional time I took off. We also experienced our first governmental office closure due to one of the biggest snow storms in quite a while on December 9.

As customary, the annual enterprise and government Christmas parties were held. The government party was held on December 5, at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall. The meal served by the Migizi Wadiswan staff was excellent, and the bingo staff who handled the beverages also did an outstanding job – thank you to all of them. The Christmas Party Task Force did a great job planning this year and even included a little entertainment which was reportedly enjoyed by most.

The Baraga Casino and related enterprises chose to pass on a party this year and were issued gift certificates for either Tony’s Steak House or the Pilgrim River Steak House. That decision was voted on by the staff.

The Harvey Casino staff held their party on December 20, again by the choice of staff. David Haataja, General Manager, reported the party went well, and everyone enjoyed themselves.

On December 15, President Swartz, Sarah Smith, Assistant CEO, Lisa Denomie, Pre-Primary Director, Terri Denomie, HeadStart and Early HeadStart Director, along with Jim Stingle and Jean Jokinen of the Tribal Grants Office, met with W.J. Strictland of the Department of Health and Human Services Administration on Children, Youth and Families American Indian Alaska Native Head Start Bureau. The meeting was held to discuss and develop a plan to move forward with accessing direct funding for the HS/EHS programs which are currently handled by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan. The discussion provided valuable information in moving forward with the process which will take approximately one year. We will be coming forward with a resolution at an upcoming meeting to begin the process.

On December 21, a conference call was held with staff at ITC who manages

sion, Pisinemo, Arizona; Holy Family Convent, Lindsay, Nebraska; a member of the Food Service Staff at Ozanam Home, New Berlin, Holy Family Convent, and Silver Lake College, Manitowoc, Wisconsin. She also performed a variety of services at St. Clare Convent, Manitowoc, San Damiano Convent, Slinger, and Holy Family Convent, Manitowoc. Since 2008, she had been a resident of St. Rita Health Care Center at Holy Family Convent. Survivors include: the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity; four sisters and two brothers-in-law: Sister Mary Lou Loonsfoot, Manitowoc, Wisconsin, Anne & Ernie Currie, Portland, Oregon, Louise Davis, Bloomington, Indiana, and Jo & Wayne Strery Oshkosh, Wisconsin; one brother and sister

the HS/EHS programs. The call went well and ITC, who also met with Mr. Strictland, are well aware of KBIC’s plans. ITC staff is more than willing to help in any way they can with the process.

On December 16, I attended a Drug Court planning meeting. The meeting is the initial stages of developing the Drug Court grant application, which if funded, will put into place a new system to deal with repeat offenders of drug and alcohol related offenses. There are meetings scheduled weekly in January to ensure the application is filed on time.

On December 22, I met with Pauline Spruce, Personnel Director and Robin Chosa, TERO Officer to discuss ways to increase the job application pool he oversees and to develop methods to ensure Tribal members are given the opportunity to apply for positions within the Tribe. There have been several recent job postings where members’ applications weren’t considered due to incompleteness. Now the two offices will work together by first of all, posting the availability of the TERO office in completing applications, resumes, and related paperwork next to the job applications. If an application is turned in and isn’t complete, the Personnel Office will forward the application to TERO where Robin will make contact with the member and aid them in completing the necessary paperwork before the deadline. All applications will now have an area where a member can check a box if they want their completed application forwarded to the TERO office to be added to the job pool. TERO will be forwarded all job postings and will review his pool for members who may meet the requirements. He will then make contact with them making them aware of the opportunity. We are hopeful that this will aid in the correction of the problem that is occurring.

On a final note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Council for the opportunity to serve the Tribe as your CEO. It is a rewarding job seeing things move forward and accomplished. It makes the not so fun parts of the job not as bad. I hope that I have provided you and the Community with acceptable performance.

As always, if anyone has questions, concerns, or issues the CEO’s office can assist with, please don’t hesitate to stop by, e-mail, or call.

Miigwetch,
Larry J. Denomie III, CEO

-in-law: Edmond & Betty Loonsfoot, Nixa, Missouri; nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

Funeral Services were held on Wednesday, December 30, 2009, at Holy Family Convent, Manitowoc. Officiating at a Mass of Christian Burial was the Rev. Samuel D. Jadin, O.Praem with burial at Holy Family Convent Cemetery, Manitowoc. The Pfeffer Funeral Home, Manitowoc, assisted with funeral arrangements.

To place an ad, submit an article, or relate information or ideas on possible articles contact Lauri Denomie at newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov or 906-201-0263.

New Employees



Newsletter photo

Nancy Browsers has been hired as the clerk intake worker for General Assistance. Nancy recently worked for the Ingham County Health Department in Lansing, MI. Nancy states, "As I moved to L'Anse in November 2009, I was very excited to find a job so quickly with today's economy. I have a wonderful husband and two girls. I enjoy ice fishing, playing games, watching my girls skate, and spending time with family and friends."



Newsletter photo

Cody Blue has been hired as the OVV (Office on Violence Against Women) Administrative Assistant in the Behavior Health Division of the Donald A. LaPointe Health and Education Center/KBIC Medical Clinic. Cody states, "Most of my employment history consists of work I have done for the Tribe. KBIC has given me many job opportunities and experiences that have prepared me for today. I have lived and worked on the reservation for most of my life, and I currently live in L'Anse. I am the daughter of Peggy Minton (KBIC) and Brad Blue (Red Lake, MN) and the granddaughter of Beverly Lussier (KBIC) and the late Adam Lussier (Red Lake, MN). Most of my family live in this area, so it is my pleasure to have the opportunity to work and live in the same community. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone and becoming more familiar with programs in the health department. I am happy to be working for our Tribal Community, and I'm excited to be in a position and program that helps aid our Tribal members. I am located in the Behavioral Health Division Department of the clinic along with our Psychologist, Social Worker, and VOCA Coordinator."

The OVV office's telephone number is 353-4532.

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Newsletter photo

Lyndon Ekdahl has been hired as part-time Natural Resources Maintenance Man.

Lyndon Ekdahl is the youngest son of Philly Ekdahl. He and his wife, Shelley, have three children, Shay (age 10), Isaac (age 12), and Shantell (age 14). They have resided in L'Anse on Dynamite Hill Road for the past fifteen years.

Lyndon states, "I've been a contractor for the last eight years, and I've owned my own business for the last five years. I also work part-time for Wolverine Builders and Tribal Construction, and I recently accepted the part-time maintenance position for KBTNRD. In my spare time, I enjoy coaching peewee hockey and watching football in my garage. I enjoy hunting and fishing in my backyard. I look forward to enjoying my new job at KBTNRD."

The DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner for January



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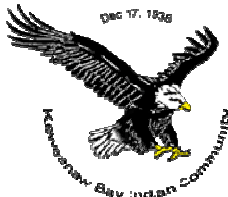
Joel Mills is the DHHS Superior Spirit Award winner for January. Joel is recognized for his "willingness to help out when needed. He is a great team player and goes out of his way to help others when needed."

Joel received a beaded lanyard for his name badge and is able to park in the spot specifically designed for the DHHS Superior Spirit Award winner. Congratulations, Joel!

COLLEGE GRADUATE

The Education Department is pleased to announce that Ruth Keller received her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from The University of Michigan — Flint at the end of the Fall '09 semester in December. Congratulations Ruth!

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities



On Call positions:

- * Community Service Supervisor
- * LPN
- * RN
- * Account Executive/Sales
- * Cashier
- * Receptionist/Clerical Worker
- * Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant
- * Youth Program & Facility Attendant

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- * **Gaming Commissioner (two positions)**
— February 19, 2010
- * **Survivor Wellness Specialist**
Open until filled
- * **Clinical Social Worker**
— Open until filled

For current job listings, complete job announcements, applications and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit: www.ojibwa.com.

WINNER! DECEMBER'S SNOWSHOE GIVEAWAY

Lloyd Gibson was the December winner of the snowshoe giveaway. Lloyd was very proud of the fact that when his picture was taken, he had been smokeless for two weeks. Congratulations to Lloyd!



Library photo

January was the third and final month for the snowshoe giveaway. January's winner will be announced in the March issue of the Giikendaam Chiwiikwegamag.

~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director

Healthy Heart Fair

Friday, February 12th
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Ojibwa Senior Citizens

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Sucker Fish Moon—February

The language page was designed from reference of “A Concise Dictionary of Minnesota Ojibwe” by John D. Nichols and Earl Nyholm, and from the Freelang Ojibwe/English on-line dictionary.
~ Designed by newsletter editor

Word List

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o _ _ _ m (kiss)
g _ _ _ n j _ g w _ _ (hug)

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KBIC HEADSTART IMPLEMENTS TEACH SMART LEARNING SYSTEM



Headstart photo

On Friday January 15, 2010, the KBIC Tribal Head Start Program had two **Teach Smart Learning Systems**, installed in each Head Start classroom. The **Teach Smart Learning System** engages children individually or in groups with different learning styles whether visual, auditory or kinesthetic. While using the interactive learning system, children see large, colorful, movable images and diagrams. Children and teachers physically interact with objects by moving letters, words, numbers, and pictures with a finger. Children

can create and share their own activities with their classroom peers. Children with special needs can touch the surface to manipulate objects without the fine motor skills required to operate a mouse or digital pen. The large visuals make information easy to see and read, and the addition of sounds makes the lessons even more engaging for young learners.

Our staff is very excited about implementing the **Teach Smart Learning System** into their daily classroom activities.

The **Teach Smart Learning Systems** were made available by a grant written by Ann Belleau at Inter Tribal Council of MI, from a one Time Program Improvement funding made available through the Office of Head Start. The boards are a great learning tool for our Tribal Head Start Program.

~ submitted by Terri Denomie



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**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Natural Resources Department**

**KBNRD Jumbo River Brook Trout Program
The Jumbo River Revisited, 2009.**

The need to insert genetic variability into the KBNRD Jumbo River Brook Trout Program parent stock population prompted KBNRD Fisheries Division to revisit the Jumbo River in 2009. KBNRD and staff from the Ottawa National Forest worked together in October, during the brook trout spawning season, to collect and transfer brook trout eggs from tributaries of the Jumbo River (Houghton and Iron Counties) to the KBIC Hatchery Facility in Pequaming.

Eggs were collected from spawning adult brook trout that were captured with AC Electro-Fishing gear (backpack shocking units). Eggs were disinfected and quarantined at the KBNRD Hatchery in order to minimize the risk of disease/ pathogen introduction into the current aquaculture operation. The eggs hatched in late 2009, and currently >1500 brook trout fry are being reared at KBNRD for future spawning stock. There are hopes to revisit the Jumbo River again in 2010-11, to collect eggs from more fish and to further diversify the genetic composition of KBNRD Hatchery parent brook trout. Ultimately, these fish will diversify the genetics of *Jumbo River strain* brook trout being stocked in local waters by KBNRD.

KBNRD has striven to stock 40,000 yearling brook trout annually into streams on and near the KBIC Reservation, and the Multi-Agency fish collection effort on the Jumbo River in late 2009 is indicative of the value of this program to many people and agencies.



Photo by Gene Mensch

KBNRD Electro-Shocking effort at a small brook trout spawning tributary to the Jumbo River, in the Ottawa National Forest.



Photo by Gene Mensch

A collection "batch" of spawning ready Jumbo River brook trout. The fish are immobilized with carbonated seltzer water before the actual spawning (this acts as an anesthesia), so as to minimize the potential to harm them during the process. The fish are released unharmed after spawning occurs and after important data is collected on each individual (length, health, genetics sampling, etc).



Photo by Todd Warner

KBNRD Staff preparing to collect eggs from captured adult brook trout.



Photo by Gene Mensch

A beautiful ripe and spawning female brook trout ready for egg stripping.



Photo by Becky Genschow

Brook trout eggs in their new, temporary home at the KBNRD Hatchery.



Photo by Gene Mensch

Newly hatched Jumbo River brook trout fry at the KBNRD Hatchery, Jan 2010.

~ Article and Photos submitted by Gene Mensch, KBNRD

Keweenaw Bay Natural Resources Department Uranium in Drinking Water

Uranium is an element that naturally occurs in the environment. Well water contamination by this element has been raised as a concern of local residents. Uranium is found in some parts of the Jacobsville Sandstone bedrock in the Upper Peninsula, and it is believed that this may be the cause of some elevated uranium levels in water wells screened in this formation. The Jacobsville Sandstone formation stretches across nine counties in the Upper Peninsula, including Baraga. Without testing, there is no way of knowing if uranium is present in your water. At high concentrations in water that is consumed, uranium has potential to cause adverse health effects such as kidney toxicity and an increased risk of cancer over time.

The Keweenaw Bay Natural Resources Department (KBNRD) will be conducting a Uranium Study this spring and summer. During this study, KBNRD Water Resources staff will collect drinking water samples within Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, Ontonagon, and Marquette counties from Tribal member residential wells. This study will target Tribal homes who obtain water from wells screened in the Jacobsville Sandstone formation, but we will also test other Tribal residences if requested. There will be no cost to Tribal members who participate in this study. The analysis of results will aid in identifying problem areas and help protect Tribal households from potential threats.

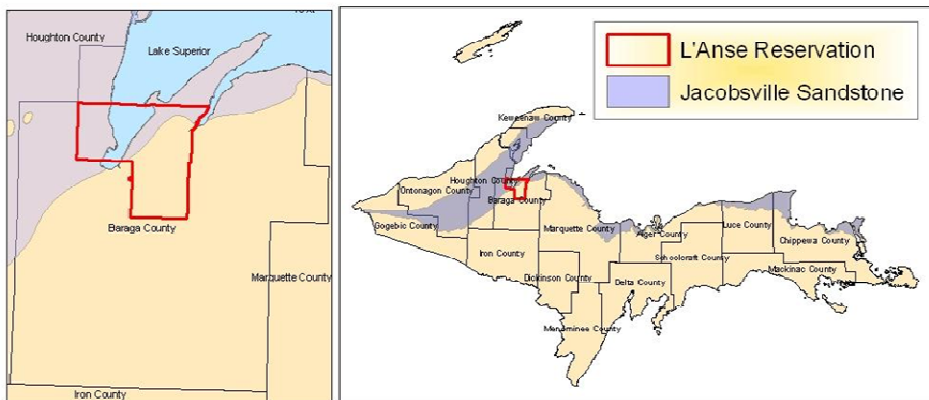
The eligibility requirements to participate in this study are:

- Tribal Member residence
- Water supplied by an individual well
- Reside in Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, Ontonagon, or Marquette County

If you are concerned about uranium in your drinking water and are interested in participating in this study contact Micah Petoskey or Catherine (Kit) Laux at (906)524-5757.

Individuals concerned about uranium, may also want to test their homes for Radon. Radon gas is formed by the natural decay of uranium; it is odorless, tasteless, and colorless. The KBIC Natural Resource Department has free self-test kits available to Tribal Members. For more information contact Char Spruce at (906)524-5757 ext. 14

Jacobsville Sandstone Formation
Baraga County and Surrounding Areas



Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College announces honor students for Fall 2009 semester

Deans List (3.5-4.0 GPA with 12 or more credits)

Christopher Chosa, Shelly Danielson, Ryan Koski

Honors List (3.0-3.49 GPA with 12 or more credits)

Cindy Knapp

Scholastic Achievement (3.25-4.0 GPA with less than 12 credits)

Veronica Adams, Karen Anderson, Samantha Bach, Agatha Cardinal, Anita Chosa, Cynthia Curtis, Philomena Ekdahl, Emily Evans, Darlene Genschow, John Hebert, Danielle Hueckstaedt, Michelle Hoggard, Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., James Loonsfoot, Kim Maki, April Niemi, Carol O'Hare, Betti Szaroletta

KBOCC would like to remind everyone that we are now in can-

Update from Councilman Eddy Edwards,

Thanks to all those who supported me in my efforts to serve this community as a Tribal council member. The election results showed that the community was interested in moving forward with new ideas and a new direction. The direction I plan on taking as I work with other council members includes changing the way our organization operates. We need to empower our management, hold them accountable, and be open to new and fresh ideas. I hope to get feedback from our elders on how to best accomplish this goal.

At the first meeting of the year, I was sworn in along with the incumbents who were re-elected. I was also elected by the Council to be the Treasurer of the Tribe. Some of the other business taken up at the first meeting included a discussion on the gaming commission, and the fact that two of three commissioners had resigned. The Council decided to post the two commissioner positions and had to assume the role of gaming commission until new commissioners are appointed. One other business item from that first meeting was a donation request of \$750 from Gene Emery to help with a dinner planned for our local troops returning from Afghanistan. That request was approved.

At the January 7 Council meeting, there were several important subjects discussed. The council approved resolution #1727-2010 which brings the gaming commission back to the Council temporarily until new commissioners are appointed. Resolution #1726-2010 was approved which details proposed road projects for potential recovery act funds. Another major issue was the acceptance of an Indian Community Development Block Grant from HUD that was originally to be used for a new gas station in L'Anse. After some discussion, it was decided to accept the \$600,000 in funds from HUD but to change the location of the project from L'Anse to our property in Harvey on the highway in front of the casino. It was decided because a majority of Council members believed that Harvey was a better and potentially more profitable location for this business. The Council also approved a donation request from Jerome Crebassa for \$2600. This fiscal year, the Council budgeted over \$150,000 for donation requests. Those requests are forwarded to me, the Treasurer, and I will present those to Council. There is no policy on these donations, which are at the discretion of the Council. The Tribe, in conjunction with Superior National Bank, is operating a business loan guarantee program where Tribal members can apply to the bank for a business loan of up to \$20,000 using the bank's underwriting criteria. Currently, there is about \$100,000 loaned out and over \$40,000 available in loan authority at the bank for this program.

At the January 14 Council meeting, there were several issues dealt with. In that meeting, an increase in the president's salary was approved. There was discussion about the many grants we have that are slow to spend and the need for a project manager. Consensus was to have the CEO present a budget and position announcement for a project manager to help with grants. Some grants include the \$1.2 million health center renovation, the new \$1.6 million child development center in Baraga, the weatherization grant, the transfer station grant, etc...

In addition, it was consensus of the council to post the casino general manager's position for thirty days across the country. We also discussed our casino situation from the one in Harvey to a possible new one in Negaunee to our needs here in Baraga. I believe we need to address these casino issues as soon as possible to commit ourselves to doing something and to properly position ourselves for when this economy comes out of the recession.

These are my thoughts and my understandings of what happened at these Council meetings and are not the approved minutes of the meetings nor are they the thoughts and understandings of other Council members. This column is my effort to keep our Tribal citizens up to date on some of the issues we are dealing with at the Council level.

didacy status for accreditation. This will allow us to access additional funding through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, HUD/Tribal College University Program funds, and Department of Education, and others. We anticipate that federal financial aid will be available Fall 2010.

KBOCC has transfer credit agreements with Northern Michigan University, Finlandia University, and Michigan Technological University. We will be continuing to work on the video conferencing system, which will be in place later this year for interactive video classes.

High school juniors and seniors are also invited to take courses to explore college life or get a jump start on your post-



Mission: To provide affordable and attractive housing opportunities in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, encourage self-improvement of the community's low income families, and provide employment opportunities.

Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:

- Low income rental homes and apartments
 1. 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
 2. 50 Homes in Zeba
 3. 40 Homes in Marquette/Harvey;
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
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- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve members' financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve members' ability to maintain homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program – a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:

1. Down payment assistance for home purchase;
 2. College tuition and expenses for residents;
 3. Business expansion/start-up expenses.
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying Tribal members;
 - Low cost tax preparation program for residents and Tribal members;
 - Surplus FEMA mobile home program for Tribal members;
 - Stipend program covering mileage and child care expenses for residents attending college;
 - Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
 - Prescription subsidy program to reimburse Tribal elders and disabled households for prescriptions purchased;
 - Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
 - Ojibwa Builders Construction Company—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
 - Market rate rentals—five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negaunee- providing profits for housing programs;
 - Ojibwa BP, Car Wash and Laundry- providing Tribal employment, superior products and service, and profits for housing programs.

KBIC WEED & SEED AND KBIC YOUTH PRESENT FOUR THUNDERS DRUM PREVENTION/ INTERVENTION PROJECT

The KBIC Weed & Seed Community Initiative has teamed up with the KBIC Youth Department to present the Four Thunders Drum Prevention/Intervention Project. Four Thunders Drum has been in existence since 1996; Lead Drummer, Mishkwa Anakwad is a KBIC Tribal Member, pipe carrier, Cultural Counselor at the New Day Treatment Center, sits on the ICW-Justice Committee (Indian Child Welfare – Justice Committee), Michigan Certification Board of Addiction Professionals (MCBAP), and a trainer for Upper Midwest Indian Council on Addictive Disorders (UMICAD). All members of this drum live sober and drug-free lives; and have done so for a combined 175+ years. The group also consists of a Viet Nam Veteran, Traditional Pipe Carrier, Tribal Council Member, New Day Director, and members of the Alcohol Advisory Board, Drug Task Force, and a Seed Committee cultural representative. The Drum made during this event will become property of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community youth, and the drumsticks will become the property of the participants who made them.

The first session will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 20, 2010, inside the gymnasium at the Ojibwa Community College. Food and beverages will be provided throughout the day. The first session will include drum construction, stick making and drum care. The next two sessions will be three hours long and will take place on two evenings (TBD), the week following the first session. This program is open to community members of all ages. **Parents with youth participants under the age of five must accompany child during the entire activity. The program is limited to 50 participants.** Contact Chris Gerard (906) 353-4646 cgerard@kbic-nsn.gov or Cheryne Clements Cheryne@kbic-nsn.gov to sign up for this event.

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College continued:

secondary education. We have student organizations and activities that will help enrich your experience here.

KBOCC has also received \$150,000 from the American Indian College Fund for strengthening academic programs, providing opportunities for professional development, recruitment, and retention. Students will have the opportunity to attend conferences, seminars, and workshops with faculty and staff members to keep our institution vibrant and successful.

Visit our website at www.kbocc.org for more information.

Most Common reasons that Contract Health Service Care is denied:

1. Not being Contract Health Service Eligible.
2. Not living on or close to one's own reservation.
3. Failure to apply for alternate resources or use these resources.
4. Failure to get prior approval from the KBIC CHS office for non-emergency services.
5. Failure to notify the KBIC CHS Office within 72 hours of receiving emergency services. (For the elderly and handicapped, notification must be given within 30 days of receiving emergency services.)
6. Having a diagnosed medical problem that does not fall within the medical priority set by the KBIC DHHS.
7. Lack of documentation of Indian Descent.

Alternate Resources

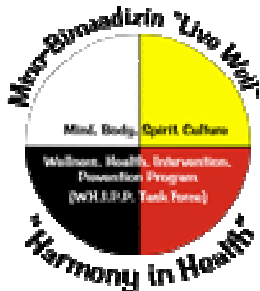
Alternate resources are other sources of health care or health care payment that are available and accessible to an individual. IHS regulations, 42 CFR Part C require patients to complete an application. Refusal to apply when there is a reasonable possibility requires the denial of eligibility for Contract Health Services.

Examples of alternate resources include but are not limited to Medicare, Medicaid, Veteran's Benefits, Private Health Insurance, Workman/s Compensation, Auto Insurance (liability) and State Vocational Rehabilitation.

Often alternate resources can pay for or be a source of health care services that the Indian Health Service is unable to provide. By using these resources the limited funds available through CHS can be stretched to help many more American Indians and Alaska Natives.

- If you have Health Insurance, you will not receive a bill for your co-pay or deductible for services provided at the KBIC Medical Clinic. The KBIC DHHS will bill your insurance, but you will not be responsible for a co-pay for an office visit or labs done at the KBIC Medical Clinic. Any revenue generated from your insurance will help pay for medical bills from other un-insured patients. PLEASE present any insurance information to the registration office when you check in.





W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention, Program) Task Force

There are 12 employees on the Task Force (nine Government and three Enterprise). We also have 58 employee volunteers.

Mission Statement: "The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program is dedicated to improving and maintaining the general health and well being of our employees, dependents, and community members. Our goal is to provide information, activities, motivation, services, and recognition to enhance the ability of people to better manage their own health, improve their quality of life and reduce their risk of disease and injury. Positive lifestyle choices develop a culture that is focused on celebrating and improving the quality of life for all."

February is American Heart Month! Heart Disease is the number one killer in the U.S. (men and women) and more than \$432 billion a year is spent on heart disease alone. High blood pressure affects one in three adults, raising the risk for heart attack and stroke. It is so common—and costly—that health care costs from high blood pressure alone exceeds \$100 billion a year. We encourage you to take steps to prevent heart disease with a healthy diet, limiting unhealthy fat and cholesterol, fill up on veggies and fruit, go for grains, reducing salt, and begin an exercise program. You can find great tips, information, and screenings at the Healthy Heart Fair on February 12 from 1-4 p.m. at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens sponsored by our KBIC Community Health Department. The W.H.I.P.P. task force will be having a booth to promote "brown bag lunch day" and tips for eating smart at work, to be held in the near future.



February 5th is National Wear Red Day. "The Heart Truth" — a national awareness campaign for women about heart disease and to spread the critical message that "Heart disease doesn't care what you wear —It's the #1 killer of women." Everyone can participate by wearing your favorite red dress, shirt, tie, or pin.

A very Happy, Healthy, Valentine's Day and New Year to all!

NOTICE: To all Tribal Seniors 55-years of age and older, and permanently physically handicapped persons:

SNOW PLOWING REQUIREMENTS

1. Keweenaw Bay Tribal member;
2. Head of household;
3. Reside on reservation (Baraga Co.);
4. Address and phone number;
5. Proof of age and/or PERMANENT physical disability;
6. Sign up at the front desk at the Tribal Center with proof of each item listed above or mail information to: Tribal Maintenance Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908.

February is Heart Month (in more ways than one)

Well, the American Heart Association gave us the month of January to recover from the holidays before reminding us that one of the best things we can do for our health is to take care of our hearts. If you took a vacation from healthy eating and exercise over the holidays, it's an opportunity to remember how good it feels to move a little more and eat a little lighter.

Now admit it, once you get moving you do notice that you sleep a little sounder, breathe a little deeper, and are more alert through the day (lots of research has shown that it's true, and most of my clients tell me the same). The same goes for eating—at some point those rich holiday treats start feeling heavy and some hearty winter soups, whole grains and veggies are what's needed to get the circulation flowing again. Here are a few tips from the Heart Association and the KBIC clinic on taking care of your heart this year:

1. Stay active.

Any amount of exercise translates to improved heart health, but most of us should shoot for 30 minutes five days a week to lower the risk of a heart problem. KBIC makes this easier than you might think. **The KBOCC gym is now open for walking every weekday from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm except holidays and snow days!** All community members, Tribal employees, and their families are invited to take advantage of this. Bring some sturdy indoor shoes (preferably athletic shoes) to save your feet and the gym floor, and bring a friend to share a conversation. Beyond that, think about a membership to the Fitness Center. Or do some snowshoeing, or cross-country skiing, or even walk out to your ice-fishing spot (What, walk out there? Are these people crazy?).

2. Keep the meats lean, the grains whole, the veggies and fruits plentiful, and the sweets and alcohol occasional.

Meat fat and dairy fat are the biggest source of saturated fat in our diets, and saturated fat has a potent effect on raising cholesterol. Replacing lunch meats, sausages, and ground beef with venison, skinless chicken and fish (especially the ones you caught walking to your ice-fishing spot) are great ways to lower saturated fat intake. Skim or 1% milk, non-fat yogurt and lowfat cheeses are the best dairy choices. Trans fat from shortening and margarine (shows up as "hydrogenated vegetable oil" on the ingredient list) also can raise cholesterol, so choose more canola and other liquid oils and limit commercial baked goods, which are often made with hydrogenated oils. One surprise in recent years is the finding that insulin resistance increases

heart disease risk even in people without diabetes or prediabetes. Insulin resistance increases with overweightness, so maintaining a healthy weight by eating well is important. Choosing more whole grains, fruits, and veggies can help a lot with this because they're rich in fiber, which fills us up without adding a lot of calories. They also contain many antioxidants and other substances which protect the heart and blood vessels.

3. Keep relationships warm in this cold weather. Give your loved ones a hug today!

Is it a coincidence that Valentine's Day falls in the middle of Heart Month? There's a lot of evidence that a healthy attitude makes for a healthy heart, and good relationships are important for keeping a good attitude. One study actually showed that couples who bicker the most have more hardening of the arteries. But it just makes sense that appreciating the people in our lives lowers our stress levels—the difference between hard-hearted and tender-hearted emotionally may translate to a healthier heart muscle.

4. Take advantage of the resources in the KBIC community.

The KBIC clinic offers many ways to help people keep their hearts healthy:

- For the latest information on heart health, attend the Healthy Heart Fair on Friday February 12, between the hours of 1-4 pm, at the Ojibwa Senior Center.
- If you have diabetes or prediabetes, or just want to assess your risk for insulin resistance, contact the Diabetes Program. Kathy Mayo, RN, BSN, CDE heads the program and she can be reached at 353-4519.
- For nutrition questions or a "tune-up" of your diet, make an appointment with Dale Schmeisser, PhD, RD. People with diabetes or prediabetes will receive a Mr. Food diabetes cookbook at their appointment, while quantities last. Contact Kim at 353-4510 for a dietitian appointment.
- If stopping smoking is the priority, we offer smoking cessation; contact Mary Linden, RN at 353-4548.
- And of course, keep regular appointments with your physician to assess and monitor your heart disease risk. The clinic phone is 353-8700.
- The hug part is perhaps the easiest—no appointment necessary. Just seek out the people you care about. A warm heart goes a long way during a cold winter. Happy Valentine's Day!

Are you missing your Giikendaam Chiwiikwegamag in the mail?

- You may still request being added to the updated mailing list by contacting the Enrollment Office at 906-353-6623, ext. 4113, or by e-mail to one of the following - dianas@kbic-nsn.gov, jennifer@kbic-nsn.gov, or jeanne@kbic-nsn.gov and state that you wish to continue to receive the Tribal newsletter by mail, please spell your name and give your mailing address.
- **Or drop a note to:** **KBIC Newsletter Mailing List, Attn: Enrollment Office, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908**



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February 2010 Calendars Events

Feb. 5 — National Wear Red Day

Feb. 6 — Regular Saturday Council Meeting, 10 a.m.

Feb. 12 — Healthy Heart Fair, 1-4 p.m. Ojibwa Senior Citizens

Feb. 14 — Happy Valentine's Day

Feb. 15 — President's Day, Tribal Gov't offices closed

Feb. 20 — Four Thunders Drum Prevention/Intervention Project
~ submitted by newsletter editor

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your events. Some events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-date event listings, visit www.ojibwa.com and click on calendar. For Youth events, see @ www.ojibwa.com, click on youth club, or contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.

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KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY'S SIXTH WINTER TRADITIONAL POWWOW



Stanley Spruce photo.

Head Veteran Dancer, Ted Shalifoe, leads the KBIC Color Guard in the grand entry at the Sixth Annual Winter Powwow.



Stanley Spruce photo.

Gerry Mantila, Cultural Committee Chairperson welcomes guests to the day's events.



Stanley Spruce photo.

Dorothy Sam, Cultural Committee's Spiritual Advisor, offers the opening prayer.



Stanley Spruce photo.

Warren Petoskey, Guest Speaker.



Stanley Spruce photo.

Eric Awonohopay offers the Honor Song.

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Cultural Committee held their Mid-winter powwow on Saturday, January 30, 2010, at the Niiwin Akeaa Community Center in Baraga, Michigan.

The day began with morning ceremonies to *Honor the Tribal Council*. Gerry Mantila, Cultural Committee Chairperson, gave the welcome and an opening prayer was offered by Dorothy Sam, Cultural Committee's Spiritual Advisor.

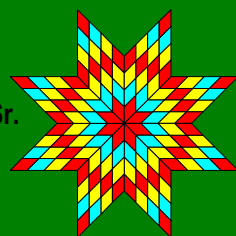
The guest speaker for the event was Warren Petoskey, and Tashina Emery-Kaupilla sang Nagamowin (Amazing Grace). The Cultural Committee recognized the current Tribal Council — Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., William (Gene) Emery, Susan J. LaFerner, Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth (Popcorn) Mayo, Toni J. Minton, and Isabelle Helene Welsh. Cody Blue, Cultural Committee member, offered the closing remarks preceding the Honor Song offered by Eric Awonohopay.

Head Veteran Dancer Ted Shalifoe, led the KBIC Color Guard in the 1:00 and 6:00 p.m. grand entries. Auddie Connor, Jr. and Taylor Drift served as Head Male

and Female Dancers with Chummy Connor and Tiana Drift as Head Youth Male and Female Dancers. This year's event featured Raistlin Awonohopay and Samantha Tolonen as Junior Head Male and Female Dancers. Four Thunders served as host drum and provided songs along with invited drums Woodland Singers, Summercloud, and Bahweting Singers. Emcee, Ted Holappa, kept everyone informed of the events, and Arena Director, George Gauthier, kept the arena moving smoothly with the

Tribal Council Members:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
William E. Emery, Vice-President
Susan J. LaFerner, Secretary
Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Asst. Secretary
Eddy Edwards, Treasurer
Toni Minton
Elizabeth D. Mayo
Michael F. LaFerner, Sr.
Jerry Lee Curtis
Frederick Dakota
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.
Isabelle H. Welsh



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- February 6, 2010, Tribal Council meeting
- KBIC Sixth Winter Powwow
- Healthy Heart Fair
- You Can Make A Difference
- KBIC Veterans Deliver Gifts
- Sand Point Recreational Improvements
- Drug Conviction Report
- DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner for February
- New Employees
- Aabinoojiyens



Stanley Spruce photo.

Tashina Emery-Kaupilla, as she beautifully sang Nagamowin (Amazing Grace).

As editor of the Giikendaam Chiwikwegamag, I like to extend a Chi Miigwech to Stanley Spruce and Kelly Dowd for offering to photograph both of these events, as I was unable to attend due to illness. I greatly appreciate it. ~ Lauri Denomie

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FEBRUARY 6, 2010 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on February 6, 2010, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room. Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., presided over the meeting with William E. Emery, Susan J. LaFerner, Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo, Toni Minton, and Isabelle Helene Welsh present. President Swartz shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. Reports were given for January 2010, by President Swartz (page three), Secretary Susan J. LaFerner (page four), and Treasurer Eddy Edwards (page five). Council passed the Department Head Reports for December 2009.

John Cadeau gave a presentation of the services offered by Saint Vincent De Paul that are available to all members of Baraga County. Their organization is two-fold. They have the Thrift Store where approximately 25 individuals volunteer for a total of 700-900 hours per month. The Thrift Store accepts many donations of clothing, food items, etc. from the community. The goods are then sold in the Thrift Store and the funds are allocated to the second part of the organization, the Conference. The Conference meets and allocates money to those in need when requests are made for assistance in utilities (52% last year), rent (21% last year), and food (12% last year). In January 2010, they dispersed approximately \$2400 for utilities shutoffs and \$490 in back rent assistance, and there are no income guidelines to be eligible for this assistance. The Conference members volunteer in total approximately 2000 hours per year. Council thanked Mr. Cadeau for his presentation and for all the benefits that Saint Vincent De Paul offers our community.

Eddy Edwards brought forth the donation requests received in the month of January 2010.

- Council tabled a request from Foster Galer

on behalf of his daughter Miranda for financial assistance to cover necessary orthodontic treatment.

- Council tabled a request from Logan Roe for travel assistance to attend a three-day high school bowling state quarter finals.
- Council tabled a general annual sponsorship donation for the Native American Rights Fund.
- **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to deny the request for donation on behalf of the Jim Thorpe Area Sports Hall of Fame for a second statue of Jim Thorpe, supported by Toni Minton, seven supported (Emery, S. LaFerner, Matthews, M. LaFerner, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), three opposed (Edwards, Loonsfoot, Curtis), 0 abstained, one absent (Dakota) motion carried.**
- **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to deny the request of donation for Chris Deschene, Navajo, who is running for the Arizona Secretary of State, supported by Jerry Lee Curtis, ten supported (Emery, S. LaFerner, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFerner, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Dakota) motion carried.**
- **Motion by Toni Minton to deny the request for donation by Forsythe Township for clock tower restoration, supported by Isabelle Welsh, ten supported (Emery, S. LaFerner, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFerner, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Dakota) motion carried.**
- **Motion by Isabelle Welsh to approve a \$1000 donation to the Pine Ridge Indians for emergency relief after storms, supported by Jerry Lee Curtis, ten supported (Emery, S. LaFerner, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFerner, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), 0 opposed,**

0 abstained, one absent (Dakota) motion carried.

- **Motion by Michael F. LaFerner, Sr. to approve a \$500 donation to the BHK Child Development Board for their children’s programs, supported by Eddy Edwards, nine supported (Emery, S. LaFerner, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFerner, Loonsfoot, Minton, Welsh), one opposed (Mayo), 0 abstained, one absent (Dakota) motion carried.**
- **Motion by Michael F. LaFerner, Sr. to approve a \$200 donation to the Superior Americorp for their Peace Bench Program, supported by Isabelle Welsh, eight supported (S. LaFerner, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFerner, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), two opposed (Emery, Loonsfoot), 0 abstained, one absent (Dakota) motion carried.** President Swartz will contact the Superior Americorp as to where we’d like this bench located within the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community lands.
- **Motion by Susan J. LaFerner to approve a \$100 donation to the Superior Alliance Independent Living as a Festival sponsorship, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, ten supported (Emery, S. LaFerner, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFerner, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Dakota) motion carried.**
- **Motion by Jerry Lee Curtis to approve a \$500 donation to the Special Olympics, supported by Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, ten supported (Emery, S. LaFerner, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, M. LaFerner, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Dakota) motion carried.**
—Total donations approved \$2300.

~ submitted by newsletter editor



Nomination to receive the 2009 Taimi Lynne Hoag Award for Environment Stewardship.

Submitted by: Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., President KBIC



Nominee: Susan J. LaFerner, KBIC Tribal Council Secretary

Eligibility: Current elected Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council member

Criteria: In 2004, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) Tribal Council met to discuss new metallic sulfide exploration activity occurring in the Yellow Dog Plains and Michigamme Highlands in western Marquette and Baraga Counties. Susan LaFerner was Tribal Council Vice-President at that time. Exploration targets were and still are in both KBIC ceded territories and on our L’Anse Reservation. After reviewing available information, the Tribal Council decided that the surety was ac-

ceptable and offensive to the traditional and cultural values of KBIC. The Tribal Council subsequently adopted Resolution KB-1301-2004 which “prohibits...mining activities within the boundaries of the L’Anse Reservation and all activities related thereto unless and until substantial evidence can be produced to satisfy its concerns.” Susan was a strong force behind adoption of Resolution KB-1301-2004 and has been tireless in raising these concerns and educating local residents about sulfide mining, acid mine drainage and associated threats to our waters, and our environment. Susan has been tireless in her efforts to educate both herself and others about KBIC’s concerns with sulfide mining and speaking to local, regional, and national leaders about this issue. A small sampling of Susan’s efforts includes:

- 2009 Address to President Obama’s National Ocean Policy Inter-Agency Task Force in Cleveland.
- Addressing the Michigan Great Lakes Protection and Restoration Strategy Coordinator, Lt. Governor Jon Cherry, about mining issues, activities, and concerns during strategy development.
- Providing comments to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality on deficiencies in the proposed Michigan Part 632 mining rules during hearings in Lansing, MI.
- Addressing participants about KBIC’s concerns during the first two annual “Protect the Earth” walks to Eagle Rock, a KBIC cultural and religious location.
- Key participant in development of proposed KBIC Mineral Exploration and Min-

ing Ordinance.

- Ongoing consultation with Michigan Governor and staff about degradation of waters and the environment that will result if sulfide mining occurs and our opposition to polluting the water.
- Participation in contested case hearings as a Plaintiff opposing the granting of mining and associated permits to Kennecott Minerals for their proposed Eagle Mine.
- Attendance at meetings of the MDNR and Natural Resource Commissions to educate and inform them about potential sulfide mining activities in our ceded territories and on our Reservation.
- Traveled to London, England, to attempt to meet with Rio-Tinto company officers to discuss the Community’s concerns and potential impacts of sulfide mining to our community’s environment, natural resources, and our traditions.

Susan’s environmental stewardship efforts are not limited to sulfide mining issues for our community. Additional activities having received her support and participation include household hazardous waste collection and education, KBIC spring cleanup, illegal dump cleanups and prevention, promoting Lake Superior Day events, working with Tribal youth on adopt-a-roadway, and lobbying for development of local recycling and composting services. She is a strong advocate for development of our Tribal water quality standards and achievement of TAS status for our Tribe and a promoter of the three R’s, reduce, reuse, and recycle.

~ submitted by Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2010.

Activities Reported by the President, Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., for the month of January.

- The Community received notice that Director, Steven Chester, was leaving his post at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. Governor Granholm announced that Jim Sygo would serve as Interim Director of MDEQ as of January 5, 2010. Subsequent to the announcement, we were informed the MDEQ's decision rejected that portion of the Hearing Officer's decision which held that Kennecott's construction of the portal (entrance) to the mine would have to be relocated to avoid interference with Eagle Rock. In addition, the decision clarified or supplemented various portions of the Hearing Officer's decision, none of which were favorable to the Petitioners, including KBIC. MDEQ's Final Order granted Kennecott's application for permits for the mine and directed the permits shall be issued with an effective date of January 14, 2010. The decision, interestingly, comes during a time of transition for the agency with the former director gone and the new one yet to arrive. The company would begin constructing the mine this year with production expected to commence in 2013. The DEQ had earlier approved Rio Tinto's mining application in December 2007. The decision was appealed in a lengthy contested case hearing. During the contested case, DEQ lawyers argued that Eagle Rock is not a place of worship because it is not a constructed building such as a Christian church or a mosque. The DEQ decision expresses the agency's opinion that Eagle Rock is not a legitimate place of worship, as defined under Michigan mining law, and the religious rights of area Native Americans are irrelevant in the Eagle Mine case. "WHAT A SHAME!"
- I attended an informational meeting at the L'Anse Village offices. Congressman Stupak was at the meeting and heard a number of concerns from area residents and businessmen. I provided the group with an update of the Economic Development Committee and asked those in attendance to contact Gregg Nominelli as he is the contact person regarding the proposal for KBIC to provide economic development services to the County.
- I participated in a conference call with the Department of Interior to develop a Department-wide Tribal consultation policy.
- I responded to an issue regarding a raffle license with the National Wildlife Turkey Federation. I called Nick Lindemann, and we were able to resolve the issues regarding the issuance of his raffle license.

- I attended a VOIGT Task Force meeting in Lac Courte Oreilles. At the meeting we selected new officers. Elected as Chairman was Tom Maulson from Lac Du Flambeau. The group chose Giiwe Martin from Lac Vieux Desert to serve as Vice-Chair.
- I signed sub-contracts for KBIC Tribal Court and our Registration station. We received funding from GLIFWC to help offset some of the expenses associated with running the above programs.
- We advertised for two vacant gaming commissioner positions. We are still in the process of filling those positions of the gaming commission.
- The Council elected to participate in a ballot initiative regarding the proposed racinos. However, later in the month, we received information from MGM that it's their policy to oppose off reservation casinos. Due to their policy, it was decided not to include tribes who have off reservation casinos or are proposing an off reservation casino. The community will receive a refund in the mail.
- Tribal Council had the opportunity to view a PowerPoint presentation on prescription drug abuse. It was an eye opening presentation to say the least. Becky Tussing did an excellent job with her presentation and is going to present her finding in a public forum in the near future.
- We continue to receive updates on the MI-water ballot initiative campaign. Protecting Michigan's water from the adverse impact of sulfide and uranium mining was and is worthy of our very best effort. In the past year with the help of many, they drafted very powerful legal language that, if passed by the electorate, would give Michigan the strongest sulfide and uranium mining law in the country. This achievement cannot be over stated; this took bringing together a coalition of diverse supporting groups including: National Wildlife Federation, Friends of the Land of Keweenaw, Front 40, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Michigan League of Conservation Voters, Organic Consumers Association, Save the Wild UP, Upper Peninsula Environmental Coalition, Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve, Michigan Environmental Councils and others.
- The Tribal Council continues working on updating the Community's Strategic Plan. I'm confident the initial review will be done early in the month of February.
- I forwarded Congressman Stupak's appropriations form for FY'2011 to the CEO. I informed him of the February 19, 2010, deadline and that if he had any questions to contact the appropriate staff on the attachment.

- Carole LaPointe informed me that she would be putting in an identical request from last year for electronic health records initiative. The CEO indicated that he would bring it up at the department head meeting.
- I attended a bi-monthly department head meeting. A number of topics were discussed at the meeting.
 - The Community was asked to help Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox protect the Great Lakes from the Asian Carp. They have launched a website, www.stopasiancarp.com, to help educate our citizens and those across the Midwest on the dangers the carp pose. They are asking for signatures on a Petition located on this site that they'll present to President Obama and Congress to encourage action through Executive and Legislative branches of government.
 - I nominated Susan J. LaFernier to receive the 2009 Taimi Lynne Hoag Award for Environmental Stewardship (page two).
 - We received a draft version of the deer management plan being proposed by the State of Michigan on January 20, 2010, with a deadline of February 3, 2010. This provides the Community to provide input/comments on the plan. However, with the tight deadline of two weeks, it's a challenge to provide meaningful input.
 - We appointed Honorable David R. Mechlin as Justice to the Appellate Division of the Tribal Court for a term of three (3) years commencing October 1, 2009, and expiring September 30, 2012. His appointment to the Appellate Division is made pursuant to the Appellate Ordinance 2008-03.
 - I provided a short letter of support for a grant that The Cedar Tree Institute is submitting to the USEPA next week to continue their work organizing churches around environmental issues. Over the years, the KBIC has served as a key partner in several projects for the Cedar Tree Institute. This grant focuses on organizing good stewardship practices and energy conservation with the faith communities across the Upper Peninsula especially church communities in Baraga, L'Anse, Assinins, and Zeba.
 - I participated in a Tribal-State forum group conference call pursuant to the 2002 accord. The Pokagon Band, Nottawaseppi Huron Band, and the Gun Lake Band volunteered to jointly host the 2010 summit in Lansing at a site to be determined. A brief discussion took place of what should be on the agenda. We plan to discuss this at an upcoming conference call.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., President



DRUG CONVICTION REPORT

In a continuous effort to reduce the illegal use of controlled substances in our community, the Drug Task Force has requested the publication of pertinent information regarding any convictions of the Controlled Substances section of the KBIC Tribal Code §3.1706. The Tribal Court has agreed to comply with the Drug Task Force's request and will publish a Drug Conviction Report on a routine basis.

John Wayne DeCota, case # 09-270, controlled substance (sale) – 1st offense

Factual basis: I sold an illegal substance, morphine, to a confident informant.

Sentenced on 12/17/2009 to:

1. \$1000 fine.
2. 12-18 months standard drug and alcohol restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant is subject to random drug and alcohol testing and will be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.

3. 180 days jail, 120 days suspended, credit for two days served, Defendant is to serve 58 days. Days to serve may be done on tether in lieu of jail provided the Defendant pays for the tether in advance. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging/tether.
4. The Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged.
5. The Defendant is to perform ten hours of community service.
6. The Defendant is to provide his doctor with a signed letter stating that the Defendant is not to be prescribed narcotic pain medications.

Troy Roberts, case # 09-264, controlled substance (sale) – 1st offense

Factual basis: I sold methadone and loricet to an undercover C.I., and I'm not licensed to sell them.

Sentenced on 01/12/2010 to:

1. \$1000 fine.

2. 24 months standard drug and alcohol restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee, to run concurrent with other cases. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.
3. 180 days jail, to be served concurrently with other cases. The Defendant shall be responsible for the costs of lodging.
4. The Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully completed. Defendant may follow recommendations of prior screening.
5. The Defendant is to report to the probation officer twice weekly and perform at least one drug test per week and is subject to random alcohol/drug testing, and the Defendant will be responsible for the costs of those tests.

Troy Roberts, case # 09-266, controlled substance (sale) – 2nd offense

Factual basis: I sold methadone and loricet to an undercover C.I., and I'm not licensed to

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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2010.

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFernier, for the month of January 2010.

We all need to commit to do our part to make a difference to protect our environment and change the world. I hope that you have been learning how to save and conserve energy to protect our Earth if you are able. I continue to emphasize that every month is "Energy Awareness Month," and our theme for the year was "Commit to Conserve." There are simple everyday conservation measures we can all easily commit to. There are also everyday measures we can do to reduce air pollution, conserve water, reduce/reuse/recycle/re-buy materials, and prevent pollution in general. Once again, October was Energy Awareness Month! This year's theme, "A Sustainable Energy Future— Putting All the Pieces Together" encourages you to see yourself as a piece of a large puzzle shaping our energy future and moving our nation toward energy independence. All of this information is available on the EPA.gov and energy.gov websites.

Thank you to everyone who cares and protects our earth and water everyday. It is our responsibility: Tribes, residents, municipalities, businesses, and visitors need to protect and restore the quality of Lake Superior's (and all of our lakes) waters, land, and wildlife. The lakes have always been and always will be important to the quality of our life.

We continue to have monthly meetings with our employee wellness group and our Blue Cross representative/Employee Benefit Agency. The official name for the Task Force is: W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program). The members of the task force also developed a mission statement that reads: "The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program (W.H.I.P.P.) is dedicated to improving and maintaining the general health and well being of our employees, dependents, and community members. Our goal is to provide information, activities, motivation, services, and recognition to enhance the ability of people to better manage their own health, improve their quality of life, and reduce their risk of disease and injury. Positive lifestyle choices develop a culture that is focused on celebrating and improving the quality of life for all. It is never too late to encourage positive lifestyle changes that will help us live longer, healthier, happier lives. All employees who currently receive Blue Cross insurance coverage attended a presentation on their benefits regarding "Preventive Care Services," on January 19. The Task Force will be sponsoring a booth at the Health Fair on February 12. They will feature healthy "brown bag lunches" with recipe samples and also samples of healthy snack food (trail mix, etc.). A mini version will also be presented for the Marquette Casino employees.

We are extremely disappointed to learn that the final decision of the MI Department of Environmental Quality on January 14, approved the issuance of Kennecott's mining permit and groundwater discharge permit for the proposed Eagle project sulfide copper/nickel mine on the Yellow Dog Plains without addressing even "one" of the hundreds of environmental problems identified during the course of the contested case proceedings and decided that Eagle Rock is not a "place" of worship. (Separate article, page five). As we know, on August 18, 2009, the Administrative Law Judge Patterson issued a proposed decision in our contested case hearing regarding the Kennecott's mining permit and groundwater permit for the Yellow Dog Plains. He held that "the excavation and drilling in the immediate area of Eagle Rock and fencing it off will materially affect its use as a place of worship. This should in some manner be accommodated

and would best be done by relocating the access to the mine to a location that will not interfere with that function. This decision was sent to DEQ Director, Steven Chester, who considered the comments and then made a request for more information regarding Eagle Rock and the legality of the judge's decision. We were informed that Director Chester resigned from his position effective January 4. On January 14, Frank Ruswick, Jr., Senior Policy Advisor for the DEQ, made the above decisions. The DEQ and the DNR then merged on January 17, and became the MI Department of Natural Resources and Environment with Rebecca Humphries as the Director.

The MDNRE is holding a public hearing to review the permit to build Kennecott's south haul road, known now as the Woodland Road, from the Yellow Dog Plains to Humboldt Township on February 10, at 7:00 p.m. at the Westwood High School in Ishpeming. The company plans to cross eight waterways including the Yellow Dog River, Mulligan Creed, Dead River, Middle Branch Escanaba River, Wildcat Canyon, and more. According to the company, thirty-eight acres of wetlands will be removed.

Please continue to call/write your elected officials and Governor, and tell them that the short term benefits are not worth the harmful long term effects on our health, rivers, Great Lakes, woods, and wild places because of the great potential for acid mine drainage. Please call me or write if you would like to review the National Wildlife Federation's DVD "Mining Madness, Water Wars: The Great Lakes In The Balance."

Thank you to our Cultural Committee and everyone for honoring our Tribal Council on January 30, held preceding the Sixth Annual Winter Traditional Powwow. The guest speaker was Warren Petoskey and Tashina Emery-Kaupila sang a beautiful song: Nagamowin (Amazing Grace). I also had the pleasure of recognizing our honored elders Florence Uusitalo and Leonard Bill Cardinal at the Powwow.

April 1 is CENSUS DAY— Remember "Indian Country Counts, Our People, Our Nations, Our Future!"

Remember to continue to pray for and honor all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families. Also remember those who are ill, have lost loved ones in the last year, our economy struggles, and for the people of Haiti. Let us be thankful for our beautiful area, and we pray for peace in the world, good health, happiness, and a blessed New Year.

We also continue to recognize the richness of Native American contributions, accomplishments, and sacrifices to the political, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States.

I am pleased to announce that the Drug Court Program discretionary grant application will be submitted by the February 11th deadline.

Remember the Drug Tip Line number is 353-DRUG or 353-3784. The yellow banners are around the reservation with this drug tip line number displayed.

In January 2010, the Tribal Council had one Regular/Reorganizational Tribal Council Meeting and four Special Council Meetings. The Regular/Reorganizational Council Meeting was held on January 2, 2010, and is covered in the February 2010 Tribal Newsletter.

At the council meeting held January 7, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of August 6, 13, 15, 20, 27, 2009;
- Approved adding discharge papers and/or a DD214 for veterans to receive a veteran's license plate;

- Approved Resolution KB1727-2010, (Two out of the three members of the Gaming Commission resigned. This Resolution authorizes the Tribal Council to act as the Gaming Commission until new members have been appointed.);
- Approved the posting for two Gaming Commissioners until February 19;
- Approved waiving the approval of the December 17, 2009 meeting minutes regarding the Gaming Regulatory Amendatory Ordinance that needed to be sent to the NIGC;
- Approved the three-year plan and IMLS basic grant for the library services application and the grant match of \$1000;
- Approved Resolution KB 1726-2010 which requests ITC to relinquish our Head Start/ Early Head Start program service area, so we can proceed to operate our program as the direct grantee;
- Approved Resolution KB 1725-2010 which requests the BIA to fund through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 appropriations seven cooperative projects with the Baraga County Road Commission;
- Approved the renewal of International Game Technology (IGT) manufacturer/distributor license for gaming equipment;
- Approved three Class I Social Gaming Licenses for the L'Anse High Bowling Club, Keweenaw Bay Cutter Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, and the Keweenaw Bay Cougar Peewees Hockey Association and waived the license fees;
- Approved the Bay Mills Community College Immersion class students travel funds to attend the classes at Bay Mills for the winter session only;
- Approved the purchase of the 2010 Community calendars to be used as match for the ANA Language grant;
- Approved to accept the ICDBG grant for \$600,000 for the proposed new gas station and have staff begin the process to put the Harvey property in Chocoday Township into trust;
- Approved a donation of \$2600 for four month's rent for Jerome Crebassa due to his medical condition;
- Approved the lease agreement with Bayview Vision/Kirk R. Schott, O.D. until 2015;
- Approved the authorization of the execution of assignment for the security agreements with Superior National Bank for the six accounts under the Guaranteed Loan Program;
- Approved the Loan Purchase Agreement and Assignment of Loan Documents with Superior National Bank for Tim and Monica Kohn;
- Approved the Tribal Attorney to include the information in the Lamson Brief regarding the reasons why the business licenses for Varline/Magnant were denied in September.

At the council meeting held January 14, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of September 3 and 4, 2009;
- Approved the Tribal President's wage at \$33 per hour effective January 14, 2010;
- Approved directing the CEO/staff to begin the process of utilizing the recent ICDBG grant for a gas station in Harvey on the Tribal property in front of the Casino;
- Approved Resolution KB1728-2010 Annual Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) Report with WUPPDR and to change the L'Anse gas station to Harvey.

At the council meeting held January 21, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of September 9, 2009;
- Approved the appointment of Honorable David R. Mechlin as an appellate court justice for three years;
- Approved Resolution KB1729-2010 requesting that the Secretary of the Interior take title to those lands in Chocolay Township, Marquette County described in the Fee to Trust Acquisition Application for the proposed construction and operation of a Tribal gas and convenience center;
- Approved the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (astho) Sub-Award Agreement with KBIC/Department Health and Human Services. The clinics will be an accreditation beta test site to improve the health of the Tribe.

At the council meeting held January 28, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved a donation to Mary Campioni for \$985.89 for assistance to pay for her scooter chair pending available funding from assistance programs;
- Approved a donation of \$1000 to the Haiti Fund;
- Approved the meeting minutes of September 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 2009;
- Approved Resolution KB1732-2010 requesting that the Michigan congressional delegation sponsor an amendment to specifically name the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College in the Equity of Land Grant Status Act of 1994 to participate in the nation's land grant system;
- Approved changes to the Community Center "Facility Use Policy";
- Approved the Project Manager position announcement with changes - who will perform engineering duties in planning, designing, and overseeing construction and maintenance of building structures and facilities;
- Approved the renewal of Jeff Lamson's Cue Master liquor license for on-premises consumption;
- Approved Todd Warner, NRD Director, to proceed with a Project Review protocol/process to identify property or land use issues before a project is initiated;
- Approved tabling Gaming Commission Action Number 005-2019 and 006-2010 requesting a postponement of hearings scheduled for December 15, 2009, to review information until the following week;
- Approved the renewal of a manufacturer/distributor of gaming equipment license for Shuffle Master, Inc.;
- Approved the appointment of Hope Laramore as the Interim Personnel Director with a wage of \$21.22, grade eleven, effective February 9;
- Approved a services agreement with the University of Wisconsin System—Wisconsin Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to provide chronic wasting disease sample testing for KBIC;
- Approved the Tribal Attorney to draft a contract for services between KBIC and the Economic Development Corporation of Baraga County to establish a County Economic Development office and business incubator for the benefits of all residents and businesses of Baraga County.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. LaFerner, Secretary

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

We are extremely disappointed with the Final Decision of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality approving the issuance of the Mining Permit and the Ground Water Discharge Permit to Kennecott for the proposed Eagle Project sulfide copper/nickel mine in the Yellow Dog Plains. It is simply impossi-

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ble to understand how the MDEQ approved these permits without addressing even "one" of the hundreds of environmental problems with the proposed mine that have been identified by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, the Natural Wildlife Federation, the Huron Mountain Club, and the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve during the course of the contested case proceedings. These issues have been ignored by the MDEQ which will be to the ultimate detriment of the waters and natural resources of our Tribe's Ceded Territory and the Upper Peninsula.

We also find it hard to understand that, on the one hand, President Obama has allocated \$475 million dollars to restore the Great Lakes and confront serious threats to these waters and, on the other hand, the State has once again determined by issuing the Mining Permit and the Groundwater Discharge Permit to Kennecott for the Eagle Project that the discharge to the waters, as authorized by the Part 31 permit, will neither be injurious to the public health, safety, and welfare or to any uses protected by Part 31, nor will likely cause pollution, impairment, or destruction of natural resources, or the public trust therein. We urge you to try and find a sulfide acid mine that has not caused any of these environmental problems anywhere in the United States even in states that have strict mining laws.

You, however, can make a difference in protecting, restoring, and guarding our most precious natural resources and the gift of water—our Great Lakes. We ask that you continue to become involved and educate yourselves to find out all that you can about sulfide acid mining and the proposed mines for the Upper Peninsula, especially the Eagle Project in the Yellow Dog Plains.

The MDEQ's decision that Eagle Rock is not a "place" of worship after Administrative Law Judge Patterson recommended that provision be made to avoid direct impacts to Eagle Rock that may interfere with the religious practices there on, also reveals that "undermining" Native American religious practices and sacred places is also allowable by the state in order to protect the private interest of the mining companies. This determination is clearly contrary to the provisions of state law and we will appeal these decisions.

Please become involved because sooner than we want to admit, our lakes and land will no longer be Great, and no amount of money will be able to restore them or our way of life.

Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr.
KBIC Tribal President

Susan J. LaFerner
KBIC Tribal Secretary

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Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

NATIVE AMERICAN CLASSICS

The following is a list of books compiled by Dr. Lorie Roy, an instructor at the University of Texas (Austin). Dr. Roy is a member of White Earth in Minnesota, and the first (former) Native American President of the American Library Association. Some of these books are available at our library. Dr. Roy suggests these books are Native American classics.

High School

- Alexie, Sherman. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*. New York: Little, Brown, and Company, 2007.
- Alexie, Sherman. *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fistfight in Heaven*. New York: Harper, 1993.
- Bruchac, Joseph. *Jim Thorpe: Original All-American*. New York: Dial/Penguin, 2006.
- Erdrich, Louise. *Love Medicine*. New York: Harper, 1984.

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**JANUARY 2010
TREASURER'S REPORT.**

Activities Reported by the Treasurer, Eddy Edwards, for the month of January 2010. Treasurer's report was given verbally and transcribed by the newsletter editor.

First thing I did as Treasurer was met with the Tribal President and the Chief Financial Officer to go over the expectations, the roles, and the responsibilities of this office of Treasurer. It was a productive meeting. From the meeting, I understand that some of my main responsibilities are going to include the protection of the Tribe's assets, particularly the money, taking the lead on the budget process, handling 2% distributions that come twice a year, and also dealing with the monthly donation requests which are all forwarded to me, and need to prepare a summary of those for the Council which are on the agenda for later today. So those are some of the things that I will be working on as Treasurer. I have also begun a long process of learning the Tribe's current financial condition, all of its processes, how it handles the money, and how the budgets all work. I've done a lot of work in those regards already. I'm always open to informing Tribal members of the financial condition of the Tribe; so at any time, I am always available to Tribal members to answer any questions about that.

The other thing I want to mention is that we have been doing some work on the business loan program that the Tribe offers in conjunction with Superior National Bank. Tribal members are eligible, and you can borrow up to \$20,000 for business use, but you must also meet the bank's loan underwriting criteria. There is currently money available in that loan program for Tribal members. So if you know a Tribal member who has a business or wants to start a business, they can talk to Superior National Bank about that loan program.

Respectfully given,
Eddy Edwards, Treasurer

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KBIC Sixth Annual Winter Powwow continues:

assistance of the Assistant Arena Director, Joe Jacker. The day's events included a Lester Drift, Jr. Memorial and a Pink Shawl Honor Dance. Megan Tucker provided a beautiful hoop dance for those in attendance. The Cultural Committee honored Jade Chaudier, Miss Keweenaw Bay, and Tribal Elders, Leonard (Bill) Cardinal and Florence Uusitalo. The event included a grand feast which was enjoyed by all.

~ submitted by newsletter editor



Kelly Dowd photo.

Leonard (Bill) Cardinal — Bill was born on June 10, 1928, in Baraga, Michigan. His parents were Leonard Holmes and Rosemary Cardinal. He is married to Julia Durant and he has three children — Leonard, James, and Colleen Cardinal; and two step children — Kathy Chapman and Clayton Ekdahl. Bill also has four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He worked on the Soo Line Railroad for forty years and was the Vice President of the Railroad Yard Masters Union. Bill served as our KBIC Tribal Chairman and as a Council member. He was also the President of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens where he is still a member and also President of the Most Holy Name of Jesus Church Council. Bill is a member of the American Legion Post 444 and is an United States Naval Air Veteran of World War II. His favorite hobby is listening to music.

Florence G. Uusitalo — Florence was born at home in Assinins, Michigan. Her parents were Thomas Shelfoe and Mary Jane Monguse. Florence was married to Raymond Kempainen (1949-1960) and to Carl Uusitalo (1962-1992). She has eight children — Thomas, David, Peter, Carol, Jennifer, and Susan Kempainen, and Anna and Janet Uusitalo. She has 23 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. Florence worked as the Tribe's Community Health Representative (CHR) for 16 ½ years. She also worked at the Baraga County Shelter Home for 10 ½ years and was a restaurant owner for five years. Florence served a three year term on the Tribal Council. She is a member of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens and a member of the Most Holy Name of Jesus Church. Her hobbies include quilting, knitting, crocheting, sewing, reading, and visiting the casino.



Kelly Dowd photo.

Tiana Drift and Chummy Connor, Head Youth Female and Male Dancers.



Kelly Dowd photo.

Taylor Drift and Auddie Connor, Jr., Head Female and Male Dancers.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities



On Call positions:

- * Community Service Supervisor
- * LPN
- * RN
- * Account Executive/Sales
- * Cashier
- * Receptionist/Clerical Worker
- * Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant
- * Youth Program & Facility Attendant

<http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm>

- * Executive Director—Gaming Commission, 03/12/10
- * Child Support Enforcement Director, 03/03/10
- * Health Outreach Worker, 03/03/10

For current job listings, complete job announcements, applications and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit: www.ojibwa.com.

Don Burnstick, March 12, NMU,
\$5.00 admission
For more information: Call 227-1397, or e-mail: nasa@nmu.edu

To be added to the mailing list or to correct your mailing address, contact the enrollment office at (906) 353-6623 ext. 4113.

To place an ad, submit an article, or relate information or ideas on possible articles contact Lauri Denomie at newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov or 906-201-0263.

Seeking Princess Candidates

The KBIC Pow Wow Committee is seeking essays from young women who are interested in representing the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community as Princess for 2010.

Eligible Young Women:

- * Must complete application
- * Must be an enrolled KBIC member or immediate family
- * 13-18 years of age
- * A good role model socially and academically
- * A traditional dancer or fancy shawl dancer
- * Alcohol and drug free

The essay must be written by the candidate and contain each of the following:

- * A biography about yourself
- * Your future plans
- * What culture means to you
- * Why would you like to represent the tribe as its Princess
- * What you can do for the tribe community (movement)

Essays may be typed or neatly handwritten, must be signed and include your address and telephone number. Applications are available at the Tribal Center. Applications must be submitted by Friday, March 26, 2010, 4:00 p.m. Submit your essay to the Tribal Center addressed to the Pow Wow Committee.

Application Deadline
03/26/2010, 4 pm

Mark Your Calendars!

2010 Annual Keweenaw Bay
Traditional Pow-wow
July 23, 24, & 25, 2010

For more information call
Lauri Denomie at (906) 353-7117
or e-mail lauri@nmu.edu

Many Attend Healthy Heart Fair

KBIC's Department of Health and Human Services held their annual Healthy Heart Fair on Friday, February 12, at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens. The favored event drew many community members who came to learn how to better take care of their health, get their blood tests done, perhaps received a chair massage, or just to browse the booths and entered drawings to win one of the many prizes that were to be given away at the end of the day. Prizes being offered included yoga mats, water bottles, cooking supplies, blankets, gift cards, just to name a few.

This year's vendors were: Baraga & L'Anse High School Nurse's Aid students, Baraga County Home Care



Susan J. LaFemier submitted



Newsletter photo

POW W OW



The N.M.U. Native American Student Association invites you to the 18th annual "Learning to Walk Together" traditional powwow

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

Vandament Arena * NMU Campus * Marquette, MI

Grand Entry Times

12 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Feast Meal - Saturday at 4 p.m.

D.J. Jacobetti Center

featuring the 9th annual Hand Drum Competition

**NEED MORE INFORMATION?
WANT TO VOLUNTEER?**

Call: 906-227-1397
E-mail: nasa@nmu.edu

Visit: www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans



Northern
Michigan
University

This event is presented by the Native American Student Association of NMU. The primary sponsor is the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community with additional support from these NMU departments: Academic Information Systems, Center for Native American Studies, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, Department, Ethnic and Cultural Diversity Committee, Graduate Studies/Continuing Education, Math and Computer Science, Multicultural Education and Resource Center, Office of International Programs, the School of Education and the School of Nursing as well as the following community businesses and organizations: Ocean Outfitters, COMBUS 2000, Icono Foods, Garden Food Service, Keweenaw Kiosk, Marquette Food Co-ops, Mower Month, Pine Point, Starbuck's, Subway, and Wal-mart. Special thanks to Chris Blair and the NMU Culinary Arts Program and Chris Rasmussen and the PAF Staff.

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Rion welcomes his new baby brother, Anen Arthur Fountaine, born November 30, 2009, to Kristine and Cory Fountaine of Harvey. Anen weighed 7 lbs. 3 oz. and was 19 ½ inches long at birth.



Conner Lee Dakota, born November 11, 2009, to Amanda Strong and Michael Dakota, Sr. Conner weighed 5 lbs. 11 oz. and was 18 inches long at birth. Maternal grandparents are Becky Chosa and Neil Strong, and his parental grandparents are Dale Dakota, Sr. and Connie Rios.

2010 CENSUS — How to Be Counted as an American Indian or Alaska Native

Come Census time it's very important that every American Indian and Alaska Native person is counted -- and counted as an American Indian or Alaska Native. The way a person is counted as American Indian or Alaska Native is simply by checking off the box that says "American Indian or Alaska Native" on the Census form. The box is under the question about the person's race.

Saying that you're American Indian or Alaska Native on the 2010 Census form is a matter of self-identification. No proof is required. No one will ask you to show a tribal enrollment card or a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB).

Whether a household is counted as an **American Indian or Alaska Native household depends entirely on the**

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The DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner for February



Elvera Lantz is the DHHS Superior Spirit Award winner for February. "Elvera Lantz, CHS Clerk, is always in her office when you need her assistance. She is courteous, caring, and helpful. She is truly sympathetic to our ailments, no matter how big or small they may be. Her compassion helps one feel more at ease when unpleasant illnesses occur in one's families."

Elvera received a beaded lanyard for her name badge and is able to park in the spot specifically designed for the DHHS Superior Spirit Award winner. Congratulations, Elvera!!

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College
Computer Training Schedule
9:00-11:30am or 1:00-3:30pm
Note: Afternoon sessions are a repeat of mornings - only one must be attended

Advanced Word: March 9, 11, 16, and 18
Basic Excel: March 23, 25, 30, and April 1
Advanced Excel: April 6, 8, 13, and 15
PowerPoint: April 20, 22, 27, and 29
Access: May 4, 6, 11, and 13

Free to all tribal members and employees!
Call Megan at 353-4604 to register

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
OFFICE OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

427 N. Superior Ave. • Baraga, MI 49908
In Tribal Court Building
Phone: 906-353-4566 • Fax: 906-353-8132
• Email: ocss@kbic-nsn.gov

"Your Children...Our Priority"

We provide the following services:

- Establishment, Enforcement and Modification of Child Support Orders
- Location of Custodial and Non-Custodial Parents
- Paternity Establishment
- Community Education

[tp://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/ocss.htm](http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/ocss.htm)

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ATM, Sporting Goods

Tribal Gas Discounts Honored Inside
Pay-at-Pump features for your convenience

Daily Lunch Specials

Daily Soup Specials

Business Deliveries Available
(call for details)

Owned & Operated by Ojibwa Housing Authority; all proceeds go to Affordable Housing Activities.

Snowmobile & ORV stickers available here!

Welcome Snowmobilers!



Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority

"Owned and operated by the Ojibwa Housing Authority.

All proceeds go to affordable housing activities in our community."

OJIBWA

Ojibwa Car Wash & Laundromat

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Ultrasonic Touchless Automatic Car Wash
Your car will sparkle and shine like NEW!

Open 24 Hours a Day

7 Days a Week

Ojibwa Car Wash & Laundromat
US 41, Baraga

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Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Natural Resources Department

Great Lakes Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Update
And Steps You Can Take To Help Slow the Spread of Exotics.

From Asian Carp to Zebra Mussels, the invasion of exotic ecological threats to the Great Lakes continues at a concerning pace. Managers throughout the region have been working hard to minimize the potentially devastating effects of these Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) to the Great Lakes, native fish, and wildlife communities the lakes host. Recently, new threats have been identified and are detailed here:

Asian Carp: Seven carp species native to Asia have been introduced to the United States. The four species considered true Asian Carp are listed here, with the Bighead carp being the identified species of concern for its potential to invade lower Lake Michigan. To date, this has not occurred, but the species has been identified within six miles of Lake Michigan, and DNA has been identified even closer, prompting concern and the development of control and eradication plans by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and several partnering management agencies.

Asian Carp of concern. 4 species of focus, with bighead carp the closest threat to lower Lake Michigan as of Feb 4, 2010. (information/ illustrations from USFWS)



Bighead Carp
Hypophthalmichthys nobilis



Silver Carp
Hypophthalmichthys molitrix



Black Carp
Mylopharyngodon piceus



Grass Carp
Ctenopharyngodon idella

Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS): Recent detection of VHS in Lake Superior has prompted the KBIC Natural Resources Department to begin planning for intensified disease surveillance and prevention at the Pequaming Hatchery Facility and in the field. VHS is an extremely serious disease that can result in large scale fish mortality events in some instances. Many local fish species have been identified as susceptible to VHS, and they include the following:

**Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia Virus (VHSV)
Update (updated Feb 19, 2010)**

Large scale fish kills (VHSV implicated as cause) in the Great Lakes Region have occurred in:

Black crappie	Great Lakes muskellunge
Bluegill	Round goby
Common carp	White bass
Freshwater drum	Yellow perch
Gizzard shad	

Species in which VHSV has been confirmed in smaller mortality events in the Great Lakes:

Rock bass
Smallmouth bass
Walleye

Species that have been identified as carriers of VHSV in the Great Lakes:

Bluntnose minnow	Brown bullhead
Brown trout	Burbot
Channel catfish	Chinook salmon
Cisco (lake herring)	Coho salmon
Emerald shiner	Lake trout
Lake whitefish	Largemouth bass
Northern pike	Pink salmon
Pumpkinseed	Rainbow trout (steelhead forms)
Silver redhorse	Shorthead redhorse
Spottail shiner	Trout perch
White perch	White sucker

**State of Michigan Informational Release
Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia Virus (VHSV) Briefing, 2009
Michigan Department of Natural Resources**

Symptoms of VHS include but may not be limited to external and internal bleeding, pale gills, erratic swimming behavior, and a listless appearance.

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Typical viral symptoms of external bleeding in a gizzard shad, Photo by USFWS/ Dr. Mohamed Faisal.

The recent identification of these and other AIS threats to Lake Superior and the Great Lakes, in general, have prompted management agencies to remind people that they can assist in minimizing the spread of exotic species and in contributing to the understanding of their spread.

BE VIGILANT. If you observe a large scale fish kill, or if you encounter a fish that appears sick, contact the KBNRD at (906) 524-5757.

BE CAUTIOUS: Take steps to minimize the chances that you spread an exotic species. Clean boats, trailers, and fishing equipment thoroughly and allow them to dry in the sun before transporting to a different water body. Do not release unused bait into the wild. Do not move water from one water body to another. Taking these steps can greatly reduce the risk of spreading VHS and other exotic threats.

BE INFORMED: be aware of any management regulation changes or alerts that relate to exotic species introductions or spread.

KBNRD has been actively involved in AIS management with many species and intends to stay abreast of new threats and introductions of exotic species to Lake Superior and the surrounding region with active preventive measures, surveillance, and assistance from the community



Photo 1. Exotic Eurasian Ruffe documented at the Misery River in Houghton County, MI.



Photo 2. Sea Lamprey captured on Silver River, Baraga County, MI.

Photos and Articles submitted by Gene Mensch.

KBIC Veterans Deliver Gifts to D.J. Jacobetti Home



The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community assists the KBIC Veterans through an allocated donation for gift bags to be delivered to the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans during the Christmas Holiday. The Council received the following thank you from the home which they'd like to share with the KBIC Veterans and the community. Pictures were provided by D.J. Jacobetti staff.



very best. Thank you again for your generosity.

Kathy Loehr, Volunteer Coordinator, D.J. Jacobetti Home

All Tribal Veterans' Meeting at Lighthouse, Sand Point, will be held every third Wednesday of the month at 1900 hours.

All Tribal Veterans Welcome!

On behalf of our members at the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans, I would like to extend our sincere thanks for your very generous donation of gift bags that included fruit, candy, socks, cards and dice. These bags helped make Christmas a little more memorable for our Veterans. The "quality of life" of our veterans is enhanced in a most positive way through your kindness, caring and thoughtfulness. Donations such as yours help our residents enjoy a good life, and we sincerely believe our veterans deserve the

Exercise Class
Stability Ball
Starting Monday, March 8th!
Classes will be held on
Mondays and Thursdays at 6 pm
KBOCC Gymnasium
Class Instructor: Cheryne Clements, NETA Certified
This class will be a combination of aerobic and strength training with a Stability (exercise) Ball
Beginners are welcomed!
Contact Heather Wood at 353-4546 to register today!

New Employees



Newsletter photo

Kathy Autio was hired by the Ojibwa Community Library as the Library Assistant starting on February 1, 2010. She is excited to once again find work in her field of study as she has an Associate Degree in Library Science from Illinois Valley Community College, Oglesby, IL. She is looking forward to meeting the community and helping them with all their library needs. She also subs in the Baraga Area Schools Library.

Kathy's husband's name is John, and he is the pastor at Mission United Lutheran Church, Pelkie. Kathy grew up on a dairy farm in northern Illinois. John hails from L'Anse and has been back home now for almost five years. Together for 26 years of marriage, they have two daughters, Julia and Kirsti.

Julia is a junior at Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, majoring in Elementary Education. Kirsti is a senior at Houghton High School and will join her sister at CMU in the fall to study journalism or psychology.

Kathy's hobbies include cooking, baking, traveling, and shopping. She has been active in her church with quilting, bazaar co-chair, youth leader, helping with Vacation Bible School, and reader/communion assistant. She was a 4-H leader for the Personal Appearance Club for the last couple of years. She enjoys taking walks with her family and dog, Holly, a sheltie.



Newsletter photo

Charlotte Loonsfoot has been hired as the Wildlife Technician for Keweenaw Bay Indian Natural Resources Department.

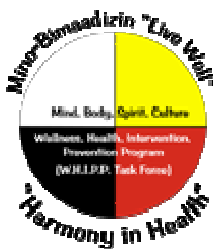
Charlotte is the youngest daughter of Virgil Loonsfoot. Charlotte has

five children, Adrian Loonsfoot (age 17), Shauna Peltó (age 16), Christian Peltó (age 15), Virgil Mongozid (age six), and Robert Mongozid (age one). They moved to Baraga fourteen years ago.

Charlotte states, "Boozhoo, I graduated at Ojibwa Community College in 2009, with an Associates Degree in Environmental Science and Liberal Studies. I plan to attend MTU in the fall part-time to further my education. I enjoy looking for eagle feathers, camping, going to pow-wows, and fishing with my family. I also like to draw, paint, sew, bead, and weave baskets.

I am very happy to have this opportunity to help our Mother Earth and to help our people to understand how we are connected to everything around us, the four legged, the two legged, the flyers, and the swimmers. Everything has a purpose, and we need to respect and understand how one little plant or animal depends on many things to survive. We all need to clean up after ourselves and to be careful with nature.

I look forward to learning and experiencing all that's in the wild with my new job at KBTNRD."



W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Heath, Intervention, Prevention, Program) Task Force

Mission Statement: "The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program is dedicated to improving and maintaining the general health and well being of our employees, dependents, and community members. Our goal is to provide information, activities, motivation, services, and recognition to enhance the ability of people to better manage their own health, improve their quality of life and reduce their risk of disease and injury. Positive lifestyle choices develop a culture that is focused on celebrating and improving the quality of life for all."

Thank you to everyone who made the recent Health Fair on February 12th a success! Everyone loves the health fair, and there is always great information and free items for your good health and well being. The WHIPP Task Force had a booth, and it was beautiful. Thank you to all who donated and worked so hard to prepare and make sure that everything was taken care of. The information regarding healthy brown bag lunches and healthy snacks was also provided to our employees in Marquette. There were also great prizes.

March is "Observe Workplace Eye Wellness Month." More than 2000 people injure their eyes on the job each day. Remember to wear the proper eye safety/protection gear for your job and make sure it fits well, keep germs away from your eyes, and visit your eye doctor to keep your eyes healthy. Also March is "Nutrition Month." Did you know that "blueberries" have more antioxidants than any other fruit in North America? Blueberries are

essential in fighting cancer, diabetes, and age-related memory changes. This fruit is rich in vitamins A and C which boosts cardiovascular health. How fortunate we are to have this fruit growing in our backyards. Benefits of eating fruits and vegetables:

- Fruits and vegetables taste great;
- Fruits and vegetables are the original fast food—easy to fix and serve;
- Eating plenty of fruits and vegetables helps you feel more energetic;
- Fruits and vegetables are good for your health;
- Fruits and vegetables may reduce your risk of certain cancers and heart disease;
- Fruits and vegetables have no cholesterol and almost all are naturally low in calories, fat, and sodium;
- Most fruits and vegetables are a good source of vitamins, minerals, and dietary fiber;
- Fruits and vegetables help promote a healthy digestive tract.

Remember to get your cholesterol checked to keep healthy hearts, veins, and brains healthy. A quick lesson on cholesterol levels: Total Cholesterol: includes your LDL, HDL, and all other lipoproteins. A desirable level is less than 200 mg/dl. Low-Density Lipoprotein (LDL) is considered the "bad" cholesterol because it transports cholesterol through the body and can build up in the artery walls. An optimal LDL reading is less than 100 mg/dl (less than 70 if you have heart disease already or are at very high risk). The higher your LDL count, the greater your risk of heart attack. High-Density Lipoprotein (HDL) is considered this "good" cholesterol because it can reduce your risk of heart disease by transporting cholesterol away from arteries and to the liver, where it becomes harmless. A desired level is 40 mg/dl for men and 50 mg/dl for women. Triglycerides are another type of fat in the blood. Hormones regulate the release of these fats to meet the body's energy needs between

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OUR FINAL SNOWSHOE WINNER!

Bill Lahti is the final winner of the Library's snowshoe giveaway. Bill is a weekly patron of the library. He was thrilled to win the youth snowshoes as he is waiting for his first grandchild, Alex, to be born. What a great baby gift!

The library would like to thank the Diabetes Program for buying the snowshoes and promoting wellness.

~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director



Library photo

Drug Court Report continued:

sell them.

Sentenced on 01/12/2010 to:

1. \$1000 fine.
2. 24 months standard drug and alcohol restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee to run concurrent with other cases. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.
3. 180 days jail to be served concurrently with other cases. The Defendant shall be responsible for the costs of lodging.
4. The Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully completed. Defendant may follow recommendations of prior screening.
5. The Defendant is to report to the probation officer twice weekly, perform at least one drug test per week, and is subject to random alcohol/drug testing. Defendant will be responsible for the costs of those tests.

Brittany Maki, case # 09-287, controlled substance (possession) - 1st offense

Factual basis: I used controlled substances without a prescription, Hydrocodone, Methadone and THC.

Sentenced on 01/25/2010 to:

1. \$500 fine.
2. 180 days jail, 150 days suspended pend-

ing successful completion of all the terms of probation, credit for 13 days served, 17 days to be served. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and other expenses while incarcerated.

3. The Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to comply with the recommendation of that screening until successfully discharged.
4. 6-12 months standard drug and alcohol restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.
5. Upon discharge from jail, Defendant must submit to drug testing three times per week until she can provide ten negative (non-dilute) tests in a row. Thereafter testing will be at the discretion of the probation officer.
6. Defendant will be released directly into an inpatient treatment facility and remaining jail time will be suspended.

Teresa Loonsfoot, case # 10-002, controlled substance (use) – 1st offense

Factual basis: I smoked marijuana, and it is illegal.

Sentenced on 02/08/2010 to:

1. \$150 fine.
2. 6-12 months standard drug and alcohol

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Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority

website: www.kboha.com

Mission: To provide affordable and attractive housing opportunities in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, encourage self-improvement of the community's low income families, and provide employment opportunities.

Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:

- Low income rental homes and apartments
 1. 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
 2. 50 Homes in Zeba
 3. 40 Homes in Marquette/Harvey;
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Bear Town Road;
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve members' financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve members' ability to maintain homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program – a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:

1. Down payment assistance for home purchase;
 2. College tuition and expenses for residents;
 3. Business expansion/start-up expenses.
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying Tribal members;
 - Low cost tax preparation program for residents and Tribal members;
 - Surplus FEMA mobile home program for Tribal members;
 - Stipend program covering mileage and child care expenses for residents attending college;
 - Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
 - Prescription subsidy program to reimburse Tribal elders and disabled households for prescriptions purchased;
 - Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
 - Ojibwa Builders Construction Company—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
 - Market rate rentals—five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negaunee- providing profits for housing programs;
 - Ojibwa BP, Car Wash and Laundry- providing Tribal employment, superior products and service, and profits for housing programs.



2010 CENSUS continued:

race of "Person 1" -- the first person listed on the Census form. If that person says he or she is American Indian or Alaska Native, then the household will be counted as one with an American Indian or Alaska Native "householder." The Census Bureau uses the definition of American Indian or Alaska Native published by the US Office of Management and Budget (OMB): "A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment." This definition of who's Indian is quite different than the one in federal law that says an Indian person is a member of an Indian tribe. What gives American Indian and Alaska Native people special status in law is a political relationship -- as a member of a Native governmental entity -- not who one's ancestors are. Simply saying that one is Indian on a Census form does not convey any special relationship or privileges.

For the first person in the household, it's question nine on the form. For additional members of the household, it's question six. The question looks like this:

The only way to ensure that you are included in all the counts as American Indian or Alaska Native is to check just that one box on the form.

9. What is Person 1's race? Mark 'X' one or more boxes.

<input type="checkbox"/> White	<input type="checkbox"/> Japanese	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian
<input type="checkbox"/> Black, African Am., or Negro	<input type="checkbox"/> Korean	<input type="checkbox"/> Guamanian or Chamorro
<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native — Print name of enrolled or principal tribe	<input type="checkbox"/> Vietnamese	<input type="checkbox"/> Samoan
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<input type="checkbox"/> Filipino		
<input type="checkbox"/> Some other race — Print race		

~ submitted by Newsletter Editor

BIA Scholarship Deadline

The deadline to apply for a BIA Scholarship for the 2010-11 academic year is May 1, 2010.

Applicants must be enrolled KBIC members, residents of Michigan attending a two or four year accredited Michigan college in pursuit of a two or four year degree, and must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Applications are available from the Education Office, Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center, 16429 Bear Town Rd. Baraga, MI 49908.

For more information, please contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, at 906-353-4117 or e-mail: amy@KBIC-nsn.gov.

W.H.I.P.P. continued:

meals. High levels can increase your risk for heart disease. A desirable level is less than 150 mg/dl. An employee said she remembered the difference between LDL and HDL as: LDL = lousy (bad) and HDL = happy (good).

Spring begins March 20th!!!

~ submitted by Susan J. LaFerner

Healthy Heart Fair WHIPP Prize Winners

Apple Ipad — Jacqueline Jossens; \$50 VISA Card — Valerie Voakes, Cheryl Erikainen, Vicky Mleko; \$25 Pat's Foods Card — Helen Tollefson; Samuel Dix; Ashtin Koski; Violet Friisvall; \$20 Larry's Market Card — Sarah Dix, Brandy Chosa, Tim Kohn; Intelligent Water Bottle — Melissa Treadeau; Ojibwa Casino Insulated Mug — Stephanie Pinnow, Beth Dix, Marcella Franti, Steve Murray, Cindy Curtis, Sharon Ollila, Connie Sullivan, Angela Kelly, Shawnie Stein, Cassie Dix.



Susan J. LaFerner Photo.

ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS: The following Committees/Boards have vacant seats:

Election Board – 2 seats

Education Committee – 1 seat for a three-year term and 1 seat for a two-year term (must be KBIC Tribal member and a parent of enrolled KBIC child in Grades K-12 attending the L'Anse or Baraga Schools)

Justice Committee (Child Welfare) – two seats;

Enrollment Committee – seven seats;

Hiring Committee – seven seats;

Natural Resource Committee – two seats;

Pow-Wow Committee – four seats.

Application due date is March 19, 2010, 4:00 p.m.

Please submit an application (located in Peggy Minton or Janice Halverson's office) by the due date to:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr. – President
16429 Beartown Rd.
Baraga, MI 49908

Drug Court Report continued:

restricted probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Defendant is subject to random drug and alcohol testing and will be financially responsible for the costs of drug and PBT testing.

3. 90 days jail, 84 days suspended, credit for two days served, Defendant is to serve four days of community service in lieu of jail. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of lodging, if any.
4. The Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged.
5. The Defendant is to complete the Even Start program, obtain her GED, and provide the probation officer with proof of her efforts. When the Defendant completes the program, her fines will be reduced at an amount to be determined at that time.



Healthy Heart Fair continued:

& Hospice, Baraga County Medical Equipment, Bay Ambulance, KBOCC, KBOCC Destiny grant, KBIC Diabetes program, KBIC Healthy Start, KBIC WIC, KBIC Diabetes Case Management Service, KBIC Natural Resources, KBIC VOCA, KBIC Medical Clinic, KBIC CHS & Electronic Health Record, L'Anse Health Mart, MSU Extension Family Nutrition Program, Northern Orthotics & Prosthetics, Aspirus Keweenaw Home Nursing & Hospice, Message Therapy, and WHIPP.

~ submitted by Newsletter Editor



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Sand Point Recreational Improvements

The Sand Point area is a tremendous community asset. The combination of beautiful Keweenaw Bay vistas, cultural areas, great swimming beaches, natural areas, the marina, and lighthouse make the site a unique place. As part of the Brownfield assessment process, a Sand Point Concept Master Plan was developed in 2003, and served as a general guide for future development of the Sand Point Recreation Area. The area south and east of the lighthouse has an existing informal campground with scattered sites, swimming beaches, picnic area, a fishing pond, marina, and wetlands. Shoreline stabilization is also an issue with piles of discarded concrete slabs and tires being used along the shoreline. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) would like to develop this area with the proper planning and design assistance to protect the resource while developing the infrastructure needed to realize the potential of this community asset for locals and tourists alike. A detailed design plan and construction documents are needed to insure the resource is developed and protected properly. A partnership has been formed, and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between Michigan Technological University- Engineers without Borders (MTU-EWB) and KBIC in April 2009. In 2010, KBIC was awarded funding thru Michigan Coastal Zone Management to provide the required professional design assistance from a landscape architectural and engineering firm to mentor the students and provide the com-



munity with a working document complete with a design plan, site specifications, construction documents and cost estimates. KBIC's Park and Recreation Committee recognizes the variety of activities enjoyed by many people in this area and are interested in receiving comments on initial planning designs. Please send comments to Parks and Recreation Committee c/o KBIC Tribal Chairman Office, 16429 Bear Town Rd., Baraga, MI 49908.

~ submitted by Evelyn Ravindran

LOGO CONTEST

KBIC – Tribal Weatherization Program [T-WAP] - Submit a design for a new program focusing on Tribal Energy Sufficiency, Renewable Energy, Sustainable Energy, and Tribal Community Energy Conservation Awareness.

Submit entries/designs by Noon - March 26th, 2010 to: KBIC – CAP Office
ATTN: Debbie Picciano
16429 Beartown Road
Baraga, MI 49908
906-353-8137 [funded by DOE]
Best entry will receive cash prize.

ATTENTION

KBIC – Community Assistance Programs Office REACH [DOE] Program is looking for low-income Tribal members who currently own and are using 'energy hog' refrigerators manufactured in 1990 or earlier. We are looking to replace these and possibly other prehistoric energy eaters with new 'Energy Star' appliances.

This program may also assist with replacing antique water heaters with new tank less water heaters.

QUALIFY: Must be LIHEAP eligible Tribal members – own the appliance(s) and are responsible for the replacement.

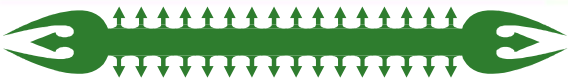
REQUIRED: Current household income; information on current refrigerator/water water heater – including photos; must have dimensions for install of appliance; other documentation as requested.

Requests will be taken until noon April 1, 2010 – as funding is limited to five 'pilot' homes.

The 'KBIC – Energy Star Team' will review all applications.

Please call Debbie Picciano or Nancy Browers in the CAP office 906-353-8137 if you have any questions.

Program funded through the Department of Energy [DOE]



NOTICE

KBIC – CAP Office is looking for Tribal Members interested in Weatherization Training.

Interested applicants should have a background in Construction and computer use.

Applicants need to pass a background check and must able to commit to obtaining required training.

Interested Tribal Members need to contact the CAP Office by March 26th, 2010 – training will begin in April 2010. Limited space.

Please contact: Debbie or Nancy in the CAP Office - 906-353-8137 for application.

REMINDER

KBIC – CAP Office is looking for income-eligible Tribal Members interested in Job Skill Building.

A variety of funding is available to Tribal Members from heating assistance to emergencies. Some programs require income and others do not. Please contact - Debbie or Nancy in the CAP Office - 353-8137 for application or inquires.

NEW-STUFF

The CAP Office has received notice of funding from the CITGO Corporation – details to come.

Energy Saving Educational Activities will start soon. Notice will be posted and also sent to Tribal members who expressed interest on their CAP applications.

Available soon – Programmable thermostats, CFL Light bulbs, CO Smoke Detectors, and other Energy Saving Devices.

Notices will be posted – items given out will require old devices to be turned in for recycling or disposal.

Programs are funded by DHHS/ACF, DOE, ARRA, CITGO.

Native American Classics continued:

- Wallis, Velma. *Two Old Women: An Alaska Legend of Betrayal, Courage and Survival*. New York: Harper, 1993.
- Bruchac, Marge. *Malian's Song*. Lebanon, New Hampshire: University Press of New England, 2005.
- Harjo, Joy. *For a Girl Becoming*. Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2009.
- John, Roberta. *Proud to be a Black-sheep*. Flagstaff: Salina Bookshelf, 2006.
- Keams, Geri. *Snail Girl Brings Water: A Navajo Story*. Flagstaff: Northland Publishing, 1998.
- King, Thomas. *A Coyote Solstice Tale*. Toronto: Groundwood Books, 2009.

- Kreipe de Montano, Marty. *Coyote in Love with a Star*. Washington, DC; New York: Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of the American Indian; New York; London; Paris: Abbeville Press, 1998.
- Messinger, Carla. *When the Shadblow Blooms*. Berkeley. Toronto: Tricycle Press, 2007.
- Smith, Cynthia Leitich. *Jingle Dancer*. New York: Morrow, 2000.
- Tapahonso, Luci. *Songs of Shiprock Fair*. Walnut, CA: Kiva Publishing, 1999.
- Tingle, Tim. *Crossing Bok Chitto: A Choctaw Tale of Friendship & Freedom*. El Paso: Cinco Puntos Press, 2006.



Attention Well Owners!

This spring the Keweenaw Bay Natural Resources Department (KBNRD) will be collecting drinking water samples to determine the levels of uranium in tribal member wells. KBNRD Water Resources staff will be conducting the sampling. Wells screened within the Jacobsville Sandstone formation will be given first priority but all tribal member residences are eligible for testing. Contact KBNRD staff if you would like to have your home sampled!

Eligibility Requirements:

- Tribal Member residence;
- Water supplied by an individual well;
- Reside in Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, Ontonagon, or Marquette County.

For more information contact:

Micah Petoskey Water Resources Specialist (906) 524-5757 ext 15

Catherine Laux Water Resources Technician (906) 524-5757 ext 16

* Homes with municipal water supply are NOT eligible for this study.



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March 2010 Calendars Events

Mar. 6 — Regular Saturday Council Meeting, 10 a.m.
 Mar. 12 — Comedian Don Burnstick at NMU
 Mar. 13 — “Learning To Walk Together” NMU Powwow, 12 noon
 Mar. 17 — Veterans meeting, 7 p.m.
 Mar. 19 — KBIC Committee Application deadline, 4 p.m.
 Mar. 25 — Ojibwa Sr. Citizen’s Pasty Sale
 Mar. 26 — Ojibwa Sr. Citizen’s Monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your events. Some events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-date event listings, visit www.ojibwa.com and click on calendar. For Youth events, see @ www.ojibwa.com, click on youth club, or contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.



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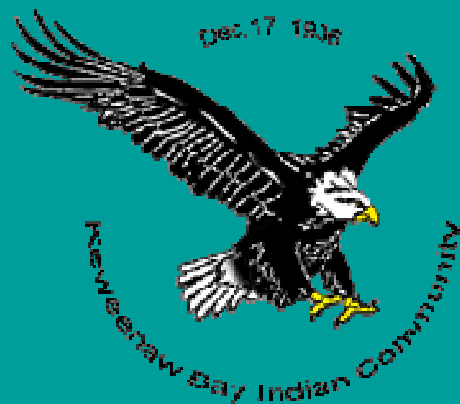
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KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY PARTICIPATES IN NMU'S 18TH ANNUAL "LEARNING TO WALK TOGETHER" POWWOW

Northern Michigan University's Native American Student Association (NASA) hosts an annual powwow each March. Leora Tadgerson, Chairperson of NASA, states, "Celebration such as these are essential to maintaining the Native culture and to keep traditions alive."

This year was the 18th Annual "Learning To Walk Together" powwow which was held on Saturday, March 13th at the Vandament Arena at NMU. Grand entries were held at noon and 6:00 p.m. with a traditional feast and hand drum competition held at 4:00 p.m. in the D.J. Jacobetti Center. This annual powwow provides the community with a time to visit, feast, sing and dance together. KBIC is a proud sponsor of the annual event.

KBIC member, Jim St. Arnold, honored the Community as Head Veteran Dancer and led the KBIC Color Guard in grand entry. Woodlands Drum, Host Drum, and Lac Courte Oreilles Badger Singers, Co-host Drum, along with the eight registered visiting drums provided great songs for more than 100 registered dancers.

Joel Syrette and Mariah Jourdain, of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, served as Head Male and Female Dancers. Dwight "Bucko" Teeple of Brimley, Michigan, kept everyone informed of the activities as Master of Ceremonies, and Robert Blackdeer of Black River Falls, Wisconsin, Arena Director, kept the Arena in order and assisted dancer's needs. Sam Doyle of Clio, Michigan, served as Firekeeper. Numerous volunteers assisted NASA with this grand event.

~ submitted by Newsletter Editor



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Noon grand entry of the "Learning To Walk Together" Traditional Powwow on March 13. (Right) Head Veteran Dancer, Jim St. Arnold, leads the KBIC Color Guard into the arena.



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Mariah Jourdain (left) and Joel Syrette (right), of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, served as Head Male and Female Dancers.

Royalty—Megan Tucker, Miss Bear River (left), Jade Chaudier, Miss Keweenaw Bay. Both are fancy shawl dancers.

Tribal Council Members:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
William E. Emery, Vice-President
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary
Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Asst. Secretary
Eddy Edwards, Treasurer
Toni Minton
Elizabeth D. Mayo
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
Jerry Lee Curtis
Frederick Dakota
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.
Isabelle H. Welsh



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **March 6, 2010, Tribal Council meeting**
- **18th Annual "Learning To Walk Together" Powwow**
- **Early Years Are Learning Years**
- **2010 Women's Retreat Held**
- **Is Your Home Computer Asleep When You Are?**
- **Drug Conviction Report**
- **DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner for March**
- **New Employees**
- **Aabinoojiyens**



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Shown above are NASA President Leora Tadgerson (left), NASA Vice-President Mitch Bolo (right) with Comedian Don Burnstick (center).

Northern Michigan University's (NMU) Native American Student Association (NASA) brought Don Burnstick to the stage Friday evening, March 12, in conjunction with the "Learning To Walk Together" PowWow. Burnstick had members of the audience roaring throughout the event which was held at the Vandament Arena on NMU's campus.

Burnstick is a Cree from the Alexander First Nation located outside of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. Growing up on the reserve and being the youngest of 15 children, Don learned a variety of means of defending himself, one of was humor.

Don's young life was very violent. He lived on the streets of Edmonton as an alcoholic and drug addict. At age 21, he sobered up. Since there weren't too many 21-year-old males who were alcohol and drug free, he started going around and telling his story.

Don Burnstick has established himself as one of Canada's best known comedians. His comedy show, "You Might be a Redskin - Healing Through Native Humor," is a comedic performance that humorously portrays First Nations people, their habits, likes, and dislikes.

~ submitted by Newsletter Editor

MARCH 6, 2010 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on March 6, 2010, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room. Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., presided over the meeting with William E. Emery, Susan J. LaFerner, Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Eddy Edwards, Jerry Lee Curtis, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo, Toni Minton, and Isabelle Helene Welsh present. Secretary Susan LaFerner shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. Reports were given for February 2010, by President Swartz (page three), Secretary Susan J. LaFerner (page eight), and CEO Larry Denomie III (page two). Council passed the Department Head Reports for January 2010.

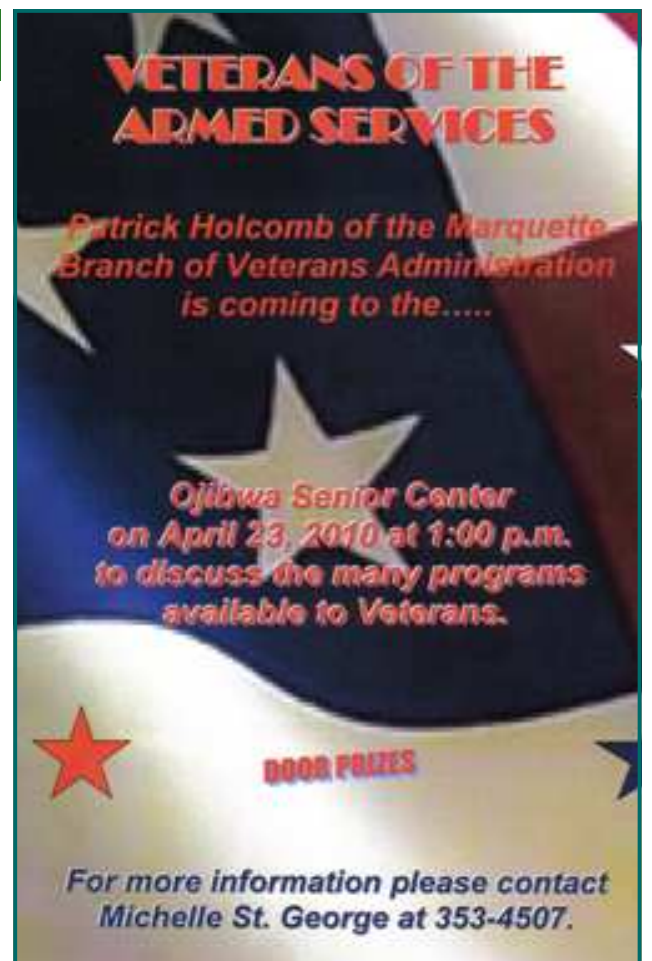
Eddy Edwards brought forth the donation requests received in the month of February 2010.

- **Motion by Elizabeth Mayo to table a request from Amanda Bloxton for assistance with legal fees and relocation expenses, supported by William E. Emery, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**
- **Motion by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., to table a request from Debi Williamson who organized a non-profit organization, Turtle Island Cultural Services, Inc., for funding assistance in the amount of \$11,000, supported by Susan J. LaFerner, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**
- **Motion by Toni Minton to deny the request for travel assistance for LaVerne Perrault to visit her sister's grave in Illinois, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, ten supported (Emery, S. LaFerner, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFerner, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Minton), one opposed (Welsh), 0 abstained, motion carried.**
- **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to deny the request of sponsorship for the National Child Welfare Committee Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect being held in Oregon, supported by Michael LaFerner, Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**
- **Motion by Gary Loonsfoot to deny the request for sponsorship for the Leh-Nah-Weh Native American Organization's, Mending the Sacred Hoop Powwow, supported by Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**
- **Motion by Susan J. LaFerner to deny the request for sponsorship for the University of Michigan Powwow, supported by Toni Minton, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**
- **Motion by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. to deny the request for a donation for the Pine Mountain Musical Festival, supported by Jerry Lee Curtis, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**
- **Motion by William E. Emery to approve a donation of \$4770 for the Ojibwa Senior Citizens for their Loretta Lynn trip, supported by Jerry Lee Curtis, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**
- **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve \$300 each to Ariel Gougeon and Jeffrey Degenauer (if they are enrolled Tribal members) for their senior class trip to Europe, supported by Michael LaFerner, Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**
- **Motion by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., to approve \$500 donation each for their 2010 Senior BASH to Baraga, L'Anse, and Marquette, supported by William E. Em-**

ery, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

- **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve a \$500 donation for the Diabetes Outreach Network from Marquette's 25th year in the U.P. celebration and to turn it over to Kathy Mayo, supported by Michael LaFerner, Sr., eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.**
- **Motion by Michael LaFerner, Sr. to approve a sponsorship in the amount of \$300 to be made in the name of Eagle Radio for the April 7th Keweenaw Economic Development Association (KEDA) meeting, supported by William E. Emery, ten supported (Emery, Matthews, Edwards, Curtis, Dakota, M. LaFerner, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), one opposed (S. LaFerner), 0 abstained, motion carried.**
- **Motion by Michael LaFerner, Sr. to approve a donation in the amount of \$1300 for the KB Peewee B Hockey Team coached by Lyndon Ekdahl to as-**

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CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2010.

On February 2-4, Sarah Smith, Assistant CEO, Gregg Nominelli, and I traveled to Chicago to attend the Department of Housing and Urban Development training for our Indian Community Development Block Grants reporting. The Tribe currently has three \$600,000 regular status grants and one \$600,000 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant. It was made very clear at the training that if funds are not obligated by the required dates they would de-obligate the funds and redistribute them to other Tribes. We are expecting to not have this situation occur and will be moving forward as quickly as possible this coming year to move our projects forward. The projects utilizing these funds include the Donald A. LaPointe Health Center renovation and expansion, the construction of the new Early Childhood Education Center, and the new gas station.

To aid in moving the listed projects forward, the Tribe has supported the new position of Project Manager. Five candidates were interviewed with Bruce LaPointe being offered the position. Bruce has accepted and will begin working on March 15, pending approval of pre-employment requirements.

The request for proposals for the design work for the Early Childhood Education Center project is out and due to the CEO's office on March 8. The 7,700 square foot addition onto the Community Center is expected to come in around \$1.6 million.

On February 8, staff met with Vince Rose of Employee Benefits to discuss the Tribe's annual BCBS Health Insurance renewal rates. The renewal rates are much higher than expected and budgeted for the fiscal year. The Tribe currently has two plans serving the governmental operations and enterprises. Without adjusting the plans, the Tribe will encounter over a half million dollar increase. Vince offered options which could balance the rate to what was budgeted by making several changes to the plans. Council will be reviewing their options in March.

On February 12, the Healthy Heart Fair was held at the Ojibwa Senior's Center organized by the Tribe's Health Department. The WHIPP Task Force, formerly known as the Wellness Task Force, participated by having a booth. The booth offered healthy brown bag lunch recipes and ideas as well as healthy trail mix. A big thank you goes out to Bonnie Nelson of Employee Benefits, task force members, and task force volunteers who helped make the booth a huge success.

The Casino Projects Task Force continued to meet during the month. Members reviewed and discussed the options and moved toward forming recommendations for Council to consider. The original date to present to Council has been moved from March 4 to March 11.

February 22-26, Sarah Smith, Terri Denomie, KBIC Head Start/Early Head Start Center Director, Lisa Denomie, Pre-Primary Program Director, and I traveled to Washington D.C. to attend the American Indian Alaska Native Region XI New Directors Conference. Although KBIC hasn't become the grantee for our programs, we were given the opportunity to attend. We were able to acquire valuable information relating to the regulations which are required of the program. In moving forward with transferring the programs from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan to KBIC, a meeting is scheduled in Sault Ste. Marie in mid-March with ITC staff. In the coming weeks, our office will be seeking advice and approval from Council on staffing, policy, and other pertinent issues.

During the month of February, the position of General Manager for the Ojibwa Casino and Resort was advertised. The advertisement closed on the 26th, and Sarah Smith will be leading the process of reviewing the candidates who have expressed interest in the position. Council should be further reviewing and considering candidates for interviews in March.

Lynn Haataja has done an outstanding job as the Interim Manager and is commended for her dedication and efforts in the position.

I would like to close by saying the January Department Head reports are all in. There were a few that were late, and those individuals have been dealt with. It has been made clear to the Department Heads that they are responsible to the CEO's office, that their reports must be on time, and that they provide valuable information to not only our office but also to Council. If there are any changes you would like to see in the reports such as more or less information, a different format, etc., please let our office know, and we will work with the department.

Dr. Beaufait, our psychiatrist has recently resigned and his last work day will be on the 21st. As always, if anyone has questions, concerns, or issues that the CEO's office can assist with, please don't hesitate to stop, e-mail, or call.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry J. Denomie, III, CEO

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2010.

Activities reported by the President, Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., for the month of February. President's report was given verbally and transcribed by the newsletter editor.

- I received a letter from Attorney General Eric Holder from the Office of the Attorney General out of Washington D.C. He told us at the Department of Justice Tribal Nations Listening session on public safety and law enforcement in St. Paul, Minnesota, in late 2009, which Chief Dale Dakota and I attended, his intention to establish a Tribal Nations Leadership Council to advise him on issues critical to Indian Country. The Tribal Nations Leadership Council would be composed of one Tribal leader from each of the twelve regions of the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The TNLC member for each region will be chosen by the chief executives of the tribes in that region. The charter defines a Tribal leader as a Tribal official serving in an executive or legislative position with the Tribe, such as a Tribal Chairperson, Council member or other equivalent position. The plan is for the TNLC to meet twice a year, and it hopes to convene the first meeting this May. He indicated that each region should provide, by letter to the Department of Justice, the name of the Tribal leader who will represent the region on the TNLC. Also at this same meeting and within a Tribal consultation conference call, the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of the Associate Attorney General began the process of improving and simplifying a grant making process in this upcoming fiscal year 2010. He proposed a single coordinated Tribal solicitation process to address this concern. The coordinated Tribal assistant solicitation combines all of the department's available existing Tribal government specific grant programs into one single application. The goal of this new approach is to help address the Tribe's criminal justice needs on a more comprehensive basis. Some of the areas they propose to put into one single application and the reason to do so is public safety and enhance community police capacity (the COPS grant); to prevent and reduce alcohol and substance abuse related crimes; develop and enhance the office of the Tribal Justice system, such as the Tribal Court's Assistance Program, or TCAP; provide direct intervention and assistance to victims of sexual assault, including the office of violence against women and the Tribal Sexual Assault Services Program; and also to enhance responses to violence committed against Indian women and girls, also under the Office of Violence against Women. This is to help not only the tribes but the Department of Justice. Instead of looking at a whole number of different applications and grant processes, that the tribes would be able to coordinate their efforts against some of these issues in one single application. The Department of Justice can take a look at it and instead of duplicating efforts they'll be able to put it into one application and make a determination based on that one application on what they are going to fund for the entire fiscal year. This is something new that they are trying, and I hope it works.
- I received a letter from Jenny Jenkins, acting director of the Department of Health and Human Services. She announced on behalf of the Director of Indian Health Services, Yvette Roubideaux, that she will be conducting a listening session with Tribal leaders of the Indian Health Bemidji Area on March 16, 2010, from 8am—5pm, at the Minneapolis Airport Marriott. The purpose of the listening session is to discuss the Tribal consultation process of the area national levels. Dr. Roubideaux will address the group as a whole in the morning and then meet one-on-

one with the elected Tribal officials in the afternoon. I think this would be a good opportunity for the Community if we send myself or the Health Director, Carole LaPointe, or Becky Tussing, to discuss our Contract Services Priority guidelines. I know that Carole has indicated to me there are a number of concerns that she has and this would give a good opportunity to have the ear of the Director of the Indian Health Services, Yvette Roubideaux. As you know, she was just recently appointed by President Obama. I went out to Washington D.C., and I had the opportunity to meet her, and I did have some bulleted items I handed to her while I was in D.C. which Carole had prepared. The director's initiative is to reinvigorate the agencies commitment to the principal and practice of Tribal consultation, accompanying her efforts to effect internal IHS reforms within the larger context of health care reforms nationally. We are fortunate that the director has found this opportunity to visit and I hope we take this opportunity to meet with her and discuss our needs.

- I attended a few VOIGHT Tribal Task Force meetings. At one of the meetings, either in January or February, I asked the Task Force executive members to summarize some of the issues regarding Michigan's 1842 Ceded Territory Treaty harvest declarations process, how that has come out and about over the years, and where we are at with it. They did summarize it in a confidential memo which I will bring forward in closed session.
- I received a letter from Dennis Knapp, Native American Affairs Coordinator of the Department of National Resources and Environment. He states in compliance with the requirement of section 25 of the 2000 inland consent decree, which we are not a part of, that would be the CORA tribes, the state hereby provides notice to the parties of its intention to permit harvest of sharp-tail grouse in 2010, and requests consultation with tribes regarding sharp-tailed grouse status and allocation. He provided to us a recommendation regarding those hunting areas, and they are proposing a daily bag limit of two sharp-tails and a season bag limit of six sharp-tails. He indicates that the state is interested in consulting with the tribes in regards to this proposal, and he offers a few dates — March 8th at 3 pm, March 9th at 1pm, March 10th at 4 pm, or he suggested that we could meet him in Higgins Lake at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center. The proposed site that he is talking about is over at the eastern end of the U.P., in the Sault Ste. Marie area. As you know with our home territory policy, we pretty much care about what goes on here, but anything that the state is proposing to do with those tribes, should be brought to the attention of the Council to make a determination whether or not we should be involved in those consultations. That would be in the 1836 treaty area, over there in the eastern end of the U.P. That is not our treaty; our treaties are the 1842 and the 1854 treaties. I don't plan on attending this. What they do in their own treaty area is up to them, unless of course, I am directed otherwise by the Council.
- I received another letter from Dennis Knapp, Native American Affairs Coordinator, regarding the confidential memo I mentioned earlier. He states he had a conversation with Jim Zorn, Executive Director of the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, who told him there won't be any changes proposed from last year's practices in 2009 and this year's practices. Zorn had told Knapp that he didn't think there was a need for the meeting because we had an Inter-tribal meeting and were able to address each tribe's concerns at that Inter-tribal

meeting. We had tried to meet Inter-tribally and discussed Tribal treaty rights in the ceded territory, trying to keep the state on the outside, looking in. I don't think it is any of the state's business to be at a meeting between tribes where we are discussing treaty rights and how we are going to share that resource. Zorn indicated to Knapp that there is no need for the meeting, and I think that is why Dennis Knapp wrote this letter. He indicated that he would like to offer some dates when we might at least telephone conference to maintain the opportunity for dialogue. One of the state's concerns is that Lac Vieux's Lake Gogebic and Bond Falls were harvested above the six percent level in 2009, and that is outside of our home territory. Those are the lakes where Mole Lake, Lac Vieux Desert, and Lac du Flambeau come up to fish. What happened, I think, last year LVD took six percent and Mole Lake took six percent, so the total allowable catch was about twelve percent. The safe allowable catch is about 26 percent, so the resource wasn't really harmed at that point because allowed catch is 26 percent, but I think where Dennis Knapp is coming from is that only allows 14 percent. He wanted to negotiate more fish on behalf of his Michigan residents. He proposed a number of times for a teleconference: March 8, 2010, March 15, 2010, or March 17, 2010. I called Dennis Knapp yesterday, and I told him there are some misstatements in his letter. He went on to say that we understand that Lake Vieux Desert, Lake Gogebic, and Bond Falls were harvested above the six percent level. He said that we contend that there is no sound scientific defense of an increased harvest level guideline from six percent as is being implemented by the 1842 treaty tribes. I had an issue with that statement, as being implemented by the 1842 tribes', because we don't implement that. We tried to regulate the rights of our Tribal members in our home territory. What they do in Lac Vieux and Lake Gogebic is up to them. We don't regulate those takes of the Walleye and to put us into that type of statement is wrong. He said he is aware of it, and he will let it be known that KB does not condone those takes beyond 12 percent. He did state to come on down to meet, or maybe we could go on the telephone conference. I told him I am not going to discuss anything with him unless my Tribal Council is present because if I meet with you they are going to say I am negotiating behind closed doors. I was not going to do that and I made an invitation to him to come and meet the Tribal Council as a whole; anytime he wants because we meet every Thursday. He asked if he could talk to Todd Warner or meet with me, and I told him, "No, you can come up and meet with the whole Tribal Council; we are here every Thursday." I gave him an open invitation, and we'll see if he comes. He talked about some of the moose issues I never heard too. If there are moose available, I'm sure my Tribal members would like to have moose meat in their refrigerators, too. He does have some data available. We had this discussion last month where the state was proposing to increase the daily bag limit for trout from three to five, and they have outdated data. They are dependent upon GLIFWC's data. I told GLIFWC that I don't mind sharing it, but when they start using our data against us, I think it is time the State of Michigan gets their own data and rely on their own people to get their own data, not rely on our data. I was opposed to GLIFWC sharing that data if the State of Michigan is going to be using it against our own people. I made Zorn aware of it. I was going to go to Minnesota this week, but I just don't have time to go. I told

- some Tribal members I wanted to keep my eye on this situation, and I think it is important that we keep our eye on the VOIGHT tribes since Wisconsin tribes are exercising their rights over here. I informed these tribes that if they are going to exercise their treaty rights in Michigan that the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the State of Michigan have recognized the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's right to regulate those activities in our home territory. "You bring your stuff up here, you are going to have to ask and abide by our rules." I know they are getting the message. I am glad that we postponed the third reading of the ordinance from today's agenda because I have a few items in there that I'd like to see changed. I asked Zorn about the moose. He said that there are about 420 moose in the western end and another 100 in the eastern end. He said hunting is in the preliminary stages right now, they have to do a lot of things with it, and they are seeking legislative support to get a moose season going.
- On behalf of the Community, which you know files with the state for refunds of sales and use tax paid by members in respect to motor vehicles purchased by them, we feel the imposition of sales and use tax with respect to this property is invalid and a matter of federal law. We included a spreadsheet including the names of the Tribal members who purchased the motor vehicles, the Tribal member's enrollment number as proof of their Tribal membership, year and make of the motor vehicle, and the amount of taxes paid. And as you remember, the individual member purchases have always signed their right for a tax refund to the Community. Last month the demand of sales and use taxes were at the amount of \$8,967.32. We asked them to pay that, plus interest, under applicable law.
 - I wrote a letter on behalf of the Community concerning NIGC's consultation policy, regulatory plan, and review. I have informed Chairman Skibine that we respectfully request that the National Gaming Commission adhere to the required executive orders and statutes concerning consultations with Tribal governments, regulatory planning and review. I also respectfully requested that the NIGC issue a formal policy on these matters in consultation with Tribal conferments. I asked them to bring back the facilities licensing regulations and class II mix regulations with further consultation with tribes. In addition, Class III Mix Task Tribal Advisory Council should be suspending pending coordination with GSA on Federal Advisory Committee Act issues and consultations with Tribes. Although it is an internal matter, I think it has a significant impact on Tribal land use and Tribal government.
 - On February 23, I had an opportunity to meet with HCl Tobacco Distribution and Lance Morgan in Las Vegas. I went out there to learn how to legally generate an untapped lucrative revenue source for purposes of Tribal economic development. I went and talked to Lance Morgan and Malcolm Morgan at the Rez Economic Summit and American Indian Business Fair Trade Show which occurred the whole week. I just went out there for this specific agenda item. HGI provided at that meeting important information to Tribal leaders, Tribal tax commissions, their legal councils, economic development entities, and other Tribal departments that deal with economic development initiatives on Tribal land. I went to his booth and let him know that I would like to meet with him later on in the evening. That evening he had a dinner party, and I was able to sit down and have a one-on-one with Lance Morgan and Malcolm. They talked about different structures regarding use of Tribal tobacco, and I talked to them about the federal licensing requirements that the tribe is going to have to go through if they want to manufacture their own cigarettes. He said that could be a long process, but it is important that we move forward on this. I also had the opportunity to network with another chairman from the area, Chairman David Miller, from one of the California tribes along with a number of other people who are using HGI distribution to move their product, so to speak, their cigarettes. It was a good opportunity to sit down with Lance and Malcolm. He is coming here this month or next month, and I asked him to address some of the issues that the Community wants to move forward on. He is more than willing to sit down with us and discuss the issues with us. In addition to meeting with Lance Morgan, I had the opportunity to go down to that Trade Fair, and it was really interesting. I met a number of people there from FDIC to a number of other cigarette manufactures. I saw Bill Largent of the Small Business Administration, he was busy, and I did not get to talk to him.
 - At the United Tribes meeting, we took a few minutes of silence as we had lost one of our United Tribes members, Chairman Laura Spur from the Nottawaseppi Tribe. She was at a conference in California, and after she gave her presentation, she had a massive heart attack and passed on. We spoke of how important she was to our organization and to her tribe as she had been a mover for her tribe. At the United Tribes meeting, I had the opportunity to present the issues regarding the Kennecott Mining and the litigation. Our attorneys had drafted up a speech for me which tells how the mining company is really bad for the Community, how the state granted environmental permits to the Kennecott Minerals Company allowing the construction and operation of the mine, that we have challenged the state and mining company on environmental grounds, and how predictably the state's administrative hearing officer sided with the state. I also let them know that we are prepared to file a petition for review in Circuit Court, challenging the construction and operation of that mine. I made it known that we are going to challenge Kennecott, we want them to recognize our places of worship. I asked United Tribes to consider one of three options. The first option I presented to them was to help authorizing and drafting the funding of the legal brief, a so called amicus brief. The second option would be to join in the law suit, essentially becoming a Plaintiff in the case, challenging the permits that were issued to the mining company but focusing solely on the places of worship issue. The third option I presented would be for each tribe who has an interest in the place of worship issue to financially assist us with direct funding to help push this important issue all the way to the Supreme Court if necessary. I told them I did not expect them to make a decision at that meeting that they should bring the problem back to their Councils, take a look at some of the options, and consider ways they could help the Community fight this Kennecott Mine. Hopefully, I will hear back from them. I gave them all a copy of my speech. At the United Tribe's meeting, we heard from George Roman from the census, and a number of other things, but the main reason I went there was to raise awareness of the potential loss of places of worship because of Kennecott Eagle Mine.
 - Mr. Baker participated in a Tribal-State forum conference which is usually held once a month. These conference calls are done because of the water accord and what they do is they try to meet once a month to discuss some issues with the upcoming summit. Every year we have a summit with the Governor and a number of tribes, and we try to work on the agenda before we get there. Some of the proposed agenda items were discussed before the meeting at that teleconference call was Michigan's Department of Transportation proposed Tribal-State accord, broad band stimulus funding, continued discussion of potential dates for the 2010 summit, the potential agenda items for the 2010 summit, and the date and time of the next meeting. Three tribes from downstate are going to host the meeting in the Lansing area. The governor is going to be there. This is her last year in office as governor. We will probably go down there, have the photo opportunities, and hopefully be able to get some business taken care of. I am anxious to see what this post Tribal-State accord with the Michigan Department of Transportation encompasses. Before we sign anything, I think it is important that all of the Tribal Council members get an opportunity to look at this and vote on it before we sign it. I will keep my eye on this broad band stimulus funding also. There is some opportunity for tribes to get into the T.V. business and additional funding for radios.
 - Giiwe March, Lac Vieux Desert THPO officer, has requested a meeting with the President of our Community, our THPO officer, LVD Chairman Williams, KBIC Mining Specialist, and the LVD Environmental Director regarding the Orvana mine project. Mr. Dave Anderson has requested to meet with us involving information he has received from their Tribal community meeting which was held in November of 2009. At the time, Ms. Cindy Stiles, who is obtained by Orvana, prepared a report for Orvana, and Mr. Anderson would like to discuss that report. Giiwe has an issue that they may be considering these meetings as consultation meetings, and Giiwe is saying, "No way, this was just an informational hearing, and Orvana shouldn't think of these meetings as consultations." As a matter of fact, she was so mad that she fired off an e-mail to it. That is why she is calling this meeting as she wants to see where we're at with this. She has talked to some of her people, and her people tell her the project is in the permit stage, and prior to going to the permit stage that they should consult with tribes because of the significant historical sites with concerns that need to be addressed with tribes on an official basis, not just an informational meeting. I'm going to attend the meeting Monday at 10 a.m. in Lac Vieux Desert, to see what is going on there and keep an eye on them.
 - I continued to work on recodification of the Tribal Code Book, and it has come along, but we need to proofread it. I took it out of Mr. Baker's office and started proofreading it myself. Robin and a number of other people down at Tribal Court have begun looking at it. They have it on a disk format, and I asked Chief Judge Brad Dakota if I could get a copy of it. I asked him to get me some cd's because I want to distribute them to the Tribal Council members and we all have computers, and this is part of what we need to do. This is actually what the Tribal Council does, legislative work. This is a piece of work that has been in the making for a long time. Violet Ayres initially started working on it. I asked Brad Dakota to have Violet Ayres make a presentation to Tribal Council, and we'll see where we are with this. It is legislative work that the Council needs to do. He is working on the cd's now, and then we can start working on it.
 - I attended the Drug Task Force meeting to address some of their concerns.
 - I attended a Gaming Commission hearing along with the rest of the Tribal Council, regarding two employees in the cage department.

- I signed a check to the people of the Pine River Reservation to help with the emergency relief after the winter storm.
- I continued working on import regulations for KBIC regarding the import-export law of KBIC.
- I received a check earlier this week from CITGO's assistance grant for the 2009-2010 heating season. The Citizen's program of CITGO made \$89,100 available to the Community for heating assistance. Last year they gave us about \$75,000; this year they gave us a little bit more. Our CAP Director is responsible for administrating that fund.
- I approved federal appropriations request to congress; the request included our prioritized list.
- I continued to monitor the Great Lakes off-shore wind legislation or GLOW.
- I signed an agreement with Superior National Bank for the Casino ATM where we make \$1200 a month from the ATM. In the past we didn't make anything from the machine. That will be \$14,400 a year for the tribe. There are some things that go along with that though, and exclusivity pretty much is what it is.
- I signed a Child Support Services Agreement with the State of Michigan. There were no sovereignty issues involved with it, and it shall remain in effect until terminated.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., President

Nishnaabemwin Pane Immersion Program Bay Mills Community College (classes will be held at KBIC, Cultural Center)

Summer Semester 2010

April 30, May 1, 2 - 1st Session
May 28, 29, 30 - 2nd Session
June 18, 19, 20 - 3rd Session
July 16, 17, 18 - 4th Session
August 6, 7, 8 - 5th Session

Class hours are held: Friday 1:00 - 8:00 p.m., Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m., and Sunday 8:00 a.m. - Noon.

It is recommended to sign up in early April. Contact Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Language Coordinator, for an application. Gary can be reached by calling 353-4178. Students may also sign up on the first day of class.



Nishnaabemwin Pane Immersion Program Photo.

Students Ron DeCota and Bev Lussier, with Instructors Barb Nolan and Rhonda Hopkins.

March 6, 2010, Tribal Council Meeting continued:

sist with attending the State Championships, supported by Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, eleven supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, motion carried.

—Total donations approved \$8970.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

NOTICE: There was a pair of glasses left at Tribal Court the week of Mar. 15. If they belong to you, please pick them up.

DRUG CONVICTION REPORT



In a continuous effort to reduce the illegal use of controlled substances in our community, the Drug Task Force has requested the publication of pertinent information regarding any convictions of the Controlled Substances section of the KBIC Tribal Code §3.1706. The Tribal Court has agreed to comply with the Drug Task Force's request and will publish a Drug Conviction Report on a routine basis.

Creighton Brunk, case # 10-018, controlled substance (use) – 1st offense

Factual basis: I used a prescription pill without having a prescription for it. It was a pain pill.

Sentenced on 03/09/2010 to:

1. \$500 fine.
2. Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and is to follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully discharged.
3. 90 days jail, 80 days suspended, credit for three days served, seven days to be served. Defendant will be allowed to perform seven days community service in lieu of jail. Defendant is financially responsible for the costs of lodging and any other expenses occurred while incarcerated.
4. 9-12 months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly fee. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of random drug and alcohol testing.
5. Defendant is not to be on the Casino property, including the Pressbox and Lanes, throughout the term of his probation.
6. Defendant is not allowed in any establishment primarily concerned with the sale of alcoholic beverages.



Please Join Us to
Celebrate Earth Day!!

KBIC Natural Resources Department 2nd Annual Environmental Fair

What: To provide environmental educational material and hands on learning for Community members to celebrate Earth Day!

When: Wednesday, April 22, 2010, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Where: Ojibwa Community College gym, located on Bear Town Road, Baraga

The event is free of charge
and door prizes will be given
throughout the evening!!

NOTICE: There was a pair of reading glasses left in the CHS office sometime the week of Feb. 15. If they belong to you, please pick them up at Elvera Lantz's office or call 353-4537.



BIA Scholarship Deadline

The deadline to apply for a BIA Scholarship for the 2010-11 academic year is May 1, 2010.

Applicants must be enrolled KBIC members, residents of Michigan, attending a two or four year accredited Michigan college in pursuit of a two or four year degree and must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Applications are available from the Education Office, Keweenaw Bay Tribal Center, 16429 Bear Town Rd. Baraga, MI 49908.

For more information, please contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, at 906-353-4117 or e-mail: amy@KBIC-nsn.gov.

SUMMER COLLEGE INTERN PROGRAM

The Tribal Council has approved funding for a Summer College Intern Program. Five students will be placed with Tribal departments for 14 weeks this summer, working 32 hours per week @ \$8.91 per hour. Students must be KBIC members, attending college full-time during the 2009-10 academic year, continuing during the 2010-11 academic year, have a minimum GPA of 2.00, and provide proof of GPA, full-time status and college major. If the number of students applying is greater than the number of positions available, the highest GPA's will be used to determine placement.

To apply, please contact Hope Laramore at the Personnel Office at the Tribal Center. Her phone number is 353-6623, ext. 4176. The deadline to apply is May 7, 2010, at 4 p.m. Students could begin work as early as May 17. Applications will be accepted after May 7, if all positions are not filled.

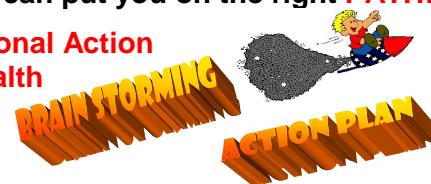
If you have any questions regarding the Summer College Intern Program, please contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, at 353-4117 or at amy@kbic-nsn.gov or Hope Laramore at the number above or at hope@kbic-nsn.gov

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- how to deal with the emotion of chronic illness (anger and depression)

PATH does not replace traditional patient education with your doctor or health professional; it is complimentary to and reinforces such education.

Learn Power of the Group!

Classes will be held every Tuesday for six weeks at the Donald A. LaPointe Health Center conference room located on the 2nd floor from 1:30 - 4:00 p.m. starting April 20th thru May 25th

****Please note it is important the participants attend all sessions****

**Pre-registration is required.
Please contact Kim Klopstein
at 353- 4510 to register.**

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New Employees



Newsletter photo.

Alan Keith Rajacic, Jr. has been hired as KBIC's newest Tribal Police Officer. Alan is the son of Alan Rajacic, Sr. and Darlene Genschow. At the age of 16, he enrolled in a military academy known as the MYCA (Michigan Youth Challenge Academy). One year later, at age 17, he enlisted into the Army National Guard 107th En. Co., now known as the 1431st En. Co. In 2009, he was deployed to Afghanistan for ten months. As of February 9, 2010, he and his girlfriend, Julianne, now have a beautiful baby girl, Mia.

Alan began his employment on Tuesday, March 9th. He is scheduled to attend the police academy in the near future.



Newsletter photo.

Becky Genschow has been hired as a KBIC Natural Resource Technician. Becky is the daughter of Bob and Gladys Genschow. She has lived and worked on the KBIC reservation all of her life. She is currently attending Ojibwa Community College part-time. Becky is a five-year veteran of the KBIC Beartown Fire Fighters.

Becky states, "I like to attend PowWow's, bowl, shoot pool, and hang out with friends in my free time. I am a very happy go lucky person. I love animals and some fish. I am very pleased to be working at the Keweenaw Bay Natural Resources Department."



The DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner for March

Bob Zasadnyj is the DHHS Superior Spirit Award winner for March. "Mr. Z is a team player, and he definitely keeps our computers and equipment fine-tuned. He is an exceptional teacher and has taught many of the DHHS staff how to properly use the many different softwares we utilize. In time of need, Bob Z. has stepped forward, volunteering to assist with supervision of our staff when past administrators have resigned. He is a very dedicated employee, and we are fortunate to have him as our co-worker," said a co-worker.

Bob received a beaded lanyard for his name badge and is able to park in the spot specifically designed for the DHHS Superior Spirit Award winner. Congratulations, Bob!!



Heather Wood photo

2010 WOMEN'S RETREAT—HELD MARCH 12-13

KBIC Department of Human Services held their annual women's retreat the weekend of March 12-13, at the Ford Forestry Center in Alberta, Michigan.



DHHS photo.

Fifty-five women attended the retreat and participated in a schedule of events which included dining together, health screenings, education teachings (*Cultural pride* by Ruth Bussey, *Food and your mood* by Dr. Dale Schmeisser, and *SELF Esteem* by Dr. Marianne Brady), show-shoeing, yoga, crafting (Easter eggs, bracelets, and beaded slippers), pampering, a pajama fashion show, games, movies, and just spending some relaxing time together.

The event was sponsored in part by KBIC Diabetes program, KBIC Public Health Program, Dept. of Justice OVV Grant, and VOCA.

OJIBWA SENIORS RECEIVE FLAG



OSC photo.

Donna (Veker) Stump, is stationed in Camp Slayer, Bagdad, Iraq. She is instrumental in having a USA flag presented to the Ojibwa Senior Citizens. During the February 26th Ojibwa Senior Citizen's meeting, Donna's mother, Loretta Hugo, presented

the flag to the seniors. Sandy Pittsley, President, (pictured left) accepted it on behalf of the seniors. The certificate reads, "This certifies that the accompanying flag of the United States of America, presented to Ojibwa Senior Citizens, was flown over headquarters, Multi National Corps – Iraq on the 7th day of December 2009, during Operation Iraqi Freedom." Certificate is signed by Frank Grippe, CSM USA, MNC-1 CMS and Charles Jacoby, Lt. Gen. USA, Commanding. The flag was flown over the Al Faw Palace.

~ submitted by Loretta Hugo



W.H.I.P.P.
(Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention, Program) Task Force



Photo submitted by Susan LaFerner

Mission Statement: "The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program is dedicated to improving and maintaining the general health and well being of our employees, dependents, and community members. Our goal is to provide information, activities, motivation, services, and recognition to enhance the ability of people to better manage their own health, improve their quality of life, and reduce their risk of disease and injury.

Positive lifestyle choices develop a culture that is focused on celebrating and improving the quality of life for all."

Thank you to everyone who made the recent Health Fair on February 19th at the Community Center by the Marquette Casino a success! Everyone loves the health fair, and there is always great information and free items for your good health and well being. There were 12 vendors and the WHIPP Task Force and Tribal Health had booths. Thank you to all who donated and worked so hard to prepare and make sure that everything was taken care of. The information regarding healthy brown bag lunches and healthy snacks was also provided by the WHIPP task force. There were also great prizes (see list of winners). Also good job to everyone who is participating in the exercising and walking programs (also in Marquette).

April is "National Cancer Control Month." According to the National Cancer Institute, cancer treatment accounted for an estimated \$72.1 billion in 2004—just under 5% of U.S. spending for all medical treatment. The National Institutes of Health estimated that cancer caused a 17.9 billion drop in employee productivity in 2006. PREVENTION PAYS: prevention and early detection are the keys to fighting cancer! Although no prevention measure is guaranteed to stop cancer, there are steps to take to help

Attention Well Owners!

This spring, the Keweenaw Bay Natural Resources Department (KBNRD) will be collecting drinking water samples to determine the levels of uranium in tribal member wells. KBNRD Water Resources staff will be conducting the sampling. Wells screened within the Jacobsville Sandstone formation will be given first priority but all tribal member residences are eligible for testing. Contact KBNRD staff if you would like to have your home sampled!

Eligibility Requirements:

- Tribal Member residence;
- Water supplied by an individual well;
- Reside in Baraga, Houghton, Keweenaw, Ontonagon, or Marquette County.

For more information contact:

Micah Petoskey
Water Resources Specialist
(906) 524-5757 ext 15

Catherine Laux
Water Resources Technician
(906) 524-5757 ext 16

* Homes with municipal water supply are NOT eligible for this study.



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Learning activities designed for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers

Wednesday,
April 7th
5:00-7:00 p.m.
KBICC Gym

FOUR THUNDERS DRUM EVENT POPULAR WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS OF ALL AGES

The Four Thunders Drum Prevention/ Intervention program recent presented to members of the KBIC community proved to be a success. Male and female participants of all ages attended the three session event which brought community members together, provided people the opportunity to learn the cultural meaning of the drum and songs, and to provide the people with an alternative to drugs and violence. The three sessions were presented as part of the KBIC Weed & Seed Community Initiative along with a partnership from the KBIC Youth Programs. Chris Gerard, Weed and Seed Coordinator, stated, "The Four Thunders Drum event turned out to be more popular than we expected. It was an awesome experience to see so many people of all ages attend and take part in the construction of the drum, stick making, singing, and the cultural meaning behind the drum. I want to thank Lisa Denomie and Amber Houston for preparing the food, the KBIC youth program employees, community members took part, and a special thanks to the Four Thunders Drum group." Weed & Seed and the KBIC Youth Programs plan on holding shorter drum sessions throughout the summer. These events will be advertised when they are scheduled.



Photo by Amber Houston

~ submitted by Chris Gerard

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We'd like to welcome Johanna Jayde Tammelin, born February 18, 2010, in Marquette, MI, to Tammy Shalifoe and Derek Tammelin. Johanna weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz. and was 19 inches at birth. Grandparents are Melissa Koepp and Don Shalifoe, Sr., and Teri Waara.

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College Computer Training Schedule

9:00-11:30am or 1:00-3:30pm

Note: Afternoon sessions are a repeat of the morning session - only one must be attended

Advanced Word: March 9, 11, 16, and 18

Basic Excel: March 23, 25, 30, and April 1

Advanced Excel: April 6, 8, 13, and 15

PowerPoint: April 20, 22, 27, and 29

Access: May 4, 6, 11, and 13

Free to all tribal members and employees!
Call Megan at 353-4604 to register



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To place an ad, submit an article, or relate information or ideas on possible articles contact Lauri Denomie at newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov or 906-201-0263.

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SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2010.

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFernier, for the month of February 2010.

We all need to commit to do our part to make a difference to protect our environment and change the world. I hope that you have been learning how to save and conserve energy to protect our Earth if you are able. I continue to emphasize that every month is "Energy Awareness Month," and our theme for the year is "Commit to Conserve." There are simple everyday conservation measures we can all easily commit to practicing. There are also everyday measures we can do to reduce air pollution, conserve water, reduce/reuse/recycle/re-buy materials, and prevent pollution in general. Once again, October was Energy Awareness Month! This year's theme, "A Sustainable Energy Future— Putting All the Pieces Together," encourages you to see yourself as a piece of a large puzzle, fitting into the big picture, shaping our energy future, and moving our nation toward energy independence. All of this information is available on the EPA.gov and energy.gov websites.

Thank you to everyone who cares and protects our earth and water every day. It is our responsibility: Tribes, residents, municipalities, businesses, and visitors need to protect and restore the quality of Lake Superior's (and all of our lakes) waters, land, and wildlife. The lakes have always been and always will be important to the quality of our life.

We continue to have monthly meetings with our employee wellness group and our Blue Cross representative/Employee Benefit Agency. The official name for the Task Force is: W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program). The members of the task force also developed a mission statement that reads: "The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program (W.H.I.P.P.) is dedicated to improving and maintaining the general health and well being of our employees, dependents, and community members. Our goal is to provide information, activities, motivation, services, and recognition to enhance the ability of people to better manage their own health, improve their quality of life, and reduce their risk of disease and injury. Positive lifestyle choices develop a culture that is focused on celebrating and improving the quality of life for all. It is never too late to encourage positive lifestyle changes that will help us live longer, healthier, happier lives. The Task Force sponsored a booth at the Health Fair on February 12th that featured healthy "brown bag lunches" with recipe samples and also samples of healthy snack food (trail mix, etc.). A mini version was also presented for the Marquette Casino employees. Thank you to everyone who prepared for the Fair and helped the day of the Fair. There was much work to do, and everyone did a great job with ideas, donations, and assembling the brown bags. Also thank you to our Health Department for all of their hard work — everyone does love the Health Fair!

Comments were sent to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environmental (MDNRE) on February 22, 2010, by Todd Warner, NRD Director, regarding the application/permits to build Kennecott's south haul road, known now as the Woodland Road, from the Yellow Dog Plains to Humboldt Township. The company plans to cross eight waterways, including the Yellow Dog River, Mulligan Creed, Dead River, Middle Branch Escanaba River, Wildcat Canyon, and more. According to the company, thirty-eight acres of wetlands will be removed. There will also be a public

informational meeting on March 11, 2010, at 7 p.m. at Westwood High School in Ishpeming to discuss a request by the Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company to modify the groundwater discharge permit for the Eagle Rock Mine project.

Please continue to call/write your elected officials and the Governor, and tell them that the short term benefits are not worth the harmful long term effects on our health, rivers, Great Lakes, woods, and wild places because of the great potential for acid mine drainage. Please call me or write if you would like to review the National Wildlife Federation's DVD "Mining Madness, Water Wars: The Great Lakes In The Balance."

April 1 is CENSUS DAY— Remember "Indian Country Counts, Our People, Our Nations, Our Future!"

Remember to continue to pray for and honor all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families. Also remember those who are ill, have lost loved ones in the last year, our economy struggles, and all of the people who have been affected by the recent earthquakes around the world. Let us be thankful for our beautiful area, and we pray for peace in the world, good health, happiness, and a blessed New Year.

We also continue to recognize the richness of Native American contributions, accomplishments, and sacrifices to the political, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States.

Remember the Drug Tip Line number is 353-DRUG or 353-3784. The yellow banners are around the reservation with this drug tip line number displayed.

During February 2010, the Tribal Council had one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on February 6, 2010. This meeting is covered in the March 2010 Newsletter. Tribal Council held four Special Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions in February.

At the council meeting held February 4, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of September 17, 24, 28, and 29, 2009;
- Approved a Tribal contribution of \$29,000 for the balance needed for the new Tribal Information System—Rite Track;
- Approved Resolution KB1713-2010 for the Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program from the U.S. Department of Justice;
- Approved a tank of gas from the Pines and two lunches at the per diem rate for JoAnn Jaukkuri's trip to Marquette for a disability hearing;
- Approved up to \$658 per person for up to eight people to attend the HACCP Training in Brimley in March;
- Approved Resolution KB1735-2010 NIGA Membership Renewal for \$7500;
- Defeated a motion to issue a \$50 fine regarding a Gaming Commission issue;
- Approved postponing Gaming Commission Actions #008 and #009-2010 until the Council could meet with John Bussey the next week;
- Approved Gaming Commission Actions #010/011/012 regarding the Annual Reports from the Ojibwa Casino Resort in Baraga, Ojibwa Casino in Marquette, and the Big Bucks Bingo Hall in Baraga, per the Gaming Regulatory Ordinance.

At the council meeting held February 11, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the CEO's Report for January

2010;

- Approved the meeting minutes of October 1, 3, and 5, 2009;
- Approved a motion to table the organizational charts discussion until the next week to meet with the General Managers;
- Approved Resolution KB1733-2010 Diabetes Grant;
- Gaming Commission: Motion approved regarding employees KB 255-09 and KB 111-09 that based on the evidence provided, there is no violation and to have John Bussey send a letter to the employees regarding this decision;
- The President broke a tie to defeat a motion to add a liquidated damage fee of \$500 per day and approved extending the completion date to September 30th (Health Clinic project/renovation).

At the council meeting held February 18, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Gaming Commission: Approved new employee gaming licenses for KB001-10/KB002-10/KB280-09, a new vendor license for Spectronix and a renewal vendor license for Data Financial, Inc.;
- Approved the bids for three police vehicles from Big Valley Ford for a 2010 Charger, Raptor, and Expedition;
- Approved the Verizon GSA Cellular Phone Contract (was Alltel prior);
- Approved a donation of \$250 for the K.B. Hockey Association Pee-Wee Tournament to be held in L'Anse on February 19-20-21;
- Approved \$1000 to the "Pallone for Congress" campaign;
- Denied a \$385 request from a Marquette Tribal member for payment of diabetic shoes because the proper process was not followed;
- Approved the Four Thunders Drum Prevention/Intervention Program services agreement for \$5400;
- Approved the 2011 Federal Appropriation Requests to be sent to U.S. Representative Stupak's office;
- Approved to interview five candidates for the new Project Manager position.

At the council meeting held February 25, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved a letter of support to Earthworks in Washington D.C. to oppose the dumping of mining waste into rivers, lakes, and streams;
- Defeated a motion to table Elizabeth Mayo's motion until Council looks at the idea of giving other Council members the opportunity to express their opinions about the way things are going;
- Approved to withdraw Eddy Edward's letter update from the March newsletter until guidelines are put in place by the Editor/Council/CEO;
- Approved a request for two deer tags for the March 13th NMU PowWow;
- Approved the second extension agreement to employment agreement for Richard Tuisku (Dick Storm);
- Approved the KBIC/Superior National Bank space lease agreement for the ATM machines effective September 1, 2009;
- Approved the MOU between KBIC and the Department of Human Services — Office of Child Support and Addendum A.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary

NOTICE: Please list your Keweenaw Bay Indian Community events... and related events for our Community with Janice Halverson, Administrative Specialist. This will help to prevent overlapping of meetings/events and will help our Community plan to attend all the events that they'd like to attend. **Send to:** Janice Halverson, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, Michigan 49908, or call (906) 353-4104, or fax to (906) 353-7540, or e-mail to jhalverson@kbic-nsn.gov. MIIGWECH.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Natural Resources Department

RE-Powering America's Land:
Evaluating the Feasibility of Siting
Renewable Energy Production
On Potentially Contaminated Land

Keweenaw Bay Indian
Community, Michigan

EPA/NREL Partnership

In September 2008, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) launched the *RE-Powering America's Land: Siting Renewable Energy on Potentially Contaminated Land and Mine Sites* initiative. EPA and the U.S. Department of Energy's National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) are collaborating on a project to evaluate the feasibility of siting renewable energy production on potentially contaminated sites. EPA has provided more than \$650,000 through an interagency agreement that pairs EPA's expertise on contaminated sites with NREL's expertise in renewable energy. The project will analyze the feasibility of siting renewable energy on 12 sites across the country. The analysis will include, among other things, the best renewable energy technology for the site, the optimal area to locate the renewable energy technology on the site, potential renewable energy generating capacity, the return on investment, and the economic feasibility of the renewable energy projects. NREL will also pursue an analysis to explore the potential for siting alternative fuel stations (e.g., electric charging stations) at former gas station sites.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Brownfields Site

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) has several Tribal brownfields properties. NREL visited three of these sites on Jan 21, 2010. The sites were evaluated for wind power potential based on several factors including: amount of ground clutter (buildings, trees, etc.) in the direction of the prevailing winds (N-NW); proximity to loads for more cost effective behind-the-meter wind applications; exclusion areas due to environmental sensitivity, cultural/historical significance, etc.; road suitability and available space for Met tower and turbine construction/installation; elevation relative to surrounding terrain; and proximity to existing residences, businesses, roads, etc.

Any future wind power development would be used to support Tribal commercial business development and would also assist with commercial development decisions on and near the property.

Feasibility Study: Begins Winter 2010

NREL is conducting a study on the potential for wind power generation on one of the brownfield sites. Continued discussion with the KBIC regarding the results of the site visit will finalize site selection in the very near future. Met tower erection will begin after the site has been finalized. The feasibility study will evaluate the technical and economic opportunities and challenges at the site. It will:

- Provide a preliminary analysis of the viability of the site;
- Assess wind resource availability;
- Identify possible system size, design, and location; and
- Review the economics of the proposed system.

For more information, visit www.epa.gov/renewableenergyland or contact cleanenergy@epa.gov.



40th Anniversary of EARTH DAY, April 22, 2010

"... on April 22, 1970, Earth Day was held, one of the most remarkable happenings in the history of democracy..." -American Heritage Magazine, October 1993.



The founder of Earth Day was Senator Gaylord Nelson and his idea evolved over a period of seven years starting in 1962. It is that time of the year again—Spring is here and let's continue our awareness of Earth Day by cleaning our roadsides and our yards of the winter debris. Also the week of April 18-24th is National Volunteer Week and I thank all of you who have volunteered in the past with cleaning our Reservation roadsides. The new, blue beautiful signs will be put along the roadsides soon honoring those volunteers who participate in our Adopt-A-Road Program. Be watching for more environment caring programs in the coming year from our Tribal Departments. Thank you to everyone for your efforts to care and protect our earth and water everyday. Remember, we only have one Earth.

~ submitted by Susan LaFerner

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT;
CIRCLE OF FLIGHT PROJECT ACTIVITIES

WILD RICE PLANTING AND WETLAND ENHANCEMENT



Wild rice (manoomin) is the "food that grows on water" whose presence fulfilled the prophecies foretold in the Anishinaabe's migration from the east. It is used in our daily lives, ceremonies, and feasts. Wild rice has a high ecological value for both wildlife and fish habitat. It can help

maintain water quality by securing loose soil and utilizing nutrients. The distribution of wild rice in the western Upper Peninsula of Michigan has declined dramatically from historic levels due mainly to logging and dam building. In 1991, we could not document any wild rice present in our area. With assistance from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Circle of Flight Program and the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, we have identified suitable wild rice habitats and planted thousands of pounds of wild rice enhancing 13 wetland areas within Baraga County. In 2009, we planted 1800 pounds of rice, enhancing approximately 33 acres at five separate L'Anse Reservation locations. Circle of Flight funding also allows us to conduct annual wetland assessments to measure success of previous enhancements. Currently we have successfully established wild rice within eight locations, providing forage for wildlife and harvest opportunities for Tribal members. Circle of Flight funding has also helped us maintain partnerships with various other area groups. Over the past three years, we have been working cooperatively with the Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Ottawa National Forest, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, and U.S. Department of Agriculture to re-establish self sustaining stands of wild rice within the Ottawa National Forest. In 2009, we planted wild rice in ten acres of three lakes within the Ottawa; Lake Sainte Kathryn, Lake Thirteen, and Kunze Lake. Wild rice was present at all three sites from last year's seeding efforts. Parent Lake is a larger inland lake which was recently assessed and may be suitable for future planting.

WILD RICE HARVESTING



Wild rice gathering is managed and regulated by Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's Tribal Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Gathering code of law. This activity requires Tribal members to have a Tribal hunting, fishing, trapping, and gathering card. The Wild Rice Chief (Eleanor Mode) designates wild rice harvesting areas in August of each year.

There were wild rice harvests at Sand Pt. Sloughs in 1999-2002, and Robillard Impoundment in 2002. Due to limited opportunities for harvesting on-Reservation partnerships and cooperative efforts within the ceded territories are being pursued. Partnerships for planting of wild rice and other wetland enhancements have included Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Ottawa National Forest, Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Cedar Tree Institute, Superior Watershed Partnership, the Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve, Baraga County Cub scouts, Michigan Natural Features Inventory, the Beartown Firefighters, and others.

Please contact the Natural Resource Department at (906) 524-5757 if you have any questions. Photos by KBTNR Department.

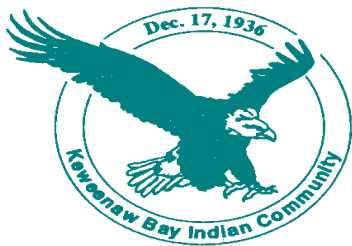
~ submitted by Todd Warner

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Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:

- Low income rental homes and apartments
 1. 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
 2. 50 Homes in Zeba
 3. 40 Homes in Marquette/Harvey;
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Bear Town Road;
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve members' financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve members' ability to maintain homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program – a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:
 1. Down payment assistance for home purchase;
 2. College tuition and expenses for residents;
 3. Business expansion/start-up expenses.
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying Tribal members;
- Low cost tax preparation program for residents and Tribal members;
- Surplus FEMA mobile home program for Tribal members;
- Stipend program covering mileage and child care expenses for residents attending college;
- Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
- Prescription subsidy program to reimburse Tribal elders and disabled households for prescriptions purchased;
- Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa Builders Construction Company—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
- Market rate rentals—five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negaunee- providing profits for housing programs;
- Ojibwa BP, Car Wash and Laundry- providing Tribal employment, superior products and service, and profits for housing programs.



Is Your Home Computer Asleep When You Are?

Your computer is arguably the most entertaining, educational, and often used electronic device in your home. Most of us probably take it for granted that it does all these things using relatively little electricity.

But according to firms that monitor such things, Energy Star reports that electronic gadgets, most notably computers, can account for as much as 25% of home energy use. Surprisingly, despite the amount of time the average American spends in front of the television, home computers often still account for more overall energy consumption.

One major reason for this disparity may be that the average home computer is continuously left on. Most owners allow their computers to run not just for the sake of convenience, but for the simple fact that they're not aware that they have other power-down options that don't involve manually shutting down the operating system.

According to Allyson Klein, a technology manager at Intel, 95% of computers in the U.S. do not have their built-in power management settings utilized. If you have even limited experience with your computer, adjusting these settings is as easy as changing your screen saver. It's a simple step you can do right now to reduce your energy consumption.

In defense of the "average" PC owner, Microsoft hasn't exactly made the energy-saving options intuitive. In the prevalent Windows environment, both XP and Vista have these settings labeled slightly differently, depending on which operating system you're using.

There are several quick online tutorials that explain step-by-step how to take configure the power management to best suit your individual needs. Listed below are a couple of links to get you started:

[http://www.energystar.gov/iandex.cfm?](http://www.energystar.gov/iandex.cfm?c=power_mgt.pr_power_mgt_manual_act_win)

[c=power_mgt.pr_power_mgt_manual_act_win](http://www.energystar.gov/iandex.cfm?c=power_mgt.pr_power_mgt_manual_act_win)

<http://windows.microsoft.com/en-US/windows-vista/Power-plans-frequently-asked-questions>.

~ submitted by Dale J. Shalifoe

Our Deepest Sympathy

Robert J. "Bob" Grainger

August 2, 1955—February 23, 2010

Funeral services for Robert J. "Bob" Grainger, age 54, of Rice, Minnesota, who died at his home on Tuesday, February 23, 2010, were held on Saturday, February 27, 2010, at the Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church in Rice, Minnesota.

Bob Grainger was born on August 2, 1955, in Milwaukee, WI, to Vernon and Margaret (Crebessa) Grainger. Margaret was later remarried to Donald Stolp who raised Bob as his son. Bob married Linda Madigan, the girl of his dreams, on October 27, 2001, at Love of Christ Lutheran Church in St. Cloud. He and Linda lived a good life together. Bob owned B&L Electronics for the past five years. He also worked for Minnesota Electronics. Bob was a member of Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran Church. He enjoyed deer hunting in Barnes, WI, McGregor, MN, and on the "rez" in L'Anse, MI. Bob also enjoyed fishing on Lake Mille Lacs, North Long Lake, and Lake of the Woods chasing "them illusive walleyes." He was also an avid and loyal Green Bay Packers fan.

Survivors include his wife, Linda of Rice; daughter, Sondra of Richfield; step children, Patrick Quinlan of Mounds View, Kelly (Tim) Steil of Mounds View, Thomas (Heidi) Quinlan of Royalton, Jeffrey Quinlan of Minneapolis, and Daniel Quinlan of Mounds View; and three step grandchildren; brothers, Joseph (Pat) Grainger of Waukesha, WI, Donald Stolp of L'Anse, MI, Douglas (Chrissy) Stolp, Dennis (Angie) Stolp and Darrel Stolp all of Milwaukee, WI. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Guest book and video tribute are available online at www.williamsdingmann.com. The Dingmann Family Funeral Home of Sauk Rapids, Minnesota, assisted the family.

WHIPP—Marquette Health Fair continued:

decrease the risk: maintain a healthy weight throughout your life; adopt a physically active lifestyle; eat a healthy diet; and if you drink alcohol beverages, limit consumption.

Also April is "Celebrate Minority Health

Month" Healthy Men, Women, and Children move our Communities forward!

Remember to get your blood pressure and cholesterol checked to keep hearts, veins and brains healthy. A quick lesson on cholesterol levels: Total Cholesterol: includes you LDL, HDL, and all other lipoproteins. A desirable level is less than 200 mg/dl. Low-Density Lipoprotein (LDL) is considered the "bad" cholesterol because it transports cholesterol through the body and can build up in the artery walls. An optimal LDL reading is less than 100 mg/dl (less than 70 if you have heart disease already or are at very high risk). The higher your LDL count, the greater your risk of heart attack. High-Density Lipoprotein (HDL) is considered this "good" cholesterol because it can reduce your risk of heart disease by transporting cholesterol away from arteries and to the liver where it becomes harmless. A desired level is 40 mg/dl for men and 50 mg/dl for women. Triglycerides are another type of fat in the blood. Hormones regulate the release of these fats to meet the body's energy needs between meals. High levels can increase your risk for heart disease. A desirable level is less than 150 mg/dl. An employee said she remembers the difference between LDL and HDL as: LDL = lousy (bad) and HDL = happy (good). ☺

Happy Easter to you on April 4th!

Health Fair Winners:

Water bottles—Kristina Misegan, Kitty Menhennick, Lisa Bressette, BJ Ouellette, Mary LaRose, Billie Jo Tahtinen, Dennis Lane.

First aid kits—Erica McGrath, Julia Anderson, Patricia Joyal

Charging valet—Randy Peterson

Tote bags—Rob Collins, Cathy Woodward, Amanda Furr, Linda Pilto, Arica Fassbender, Misty Rose, Shelley Bal

T-shirts—Sara Carlson, Kim Vanlinden, Roger Chambers, Joann Peterson, Brenda Shaw, John Williams

Pool balls—Patrick Mager

Thermal blanket/mug—Mary Bawden

\$25 Jacks cards—Erik Hintsala, Mary LaRose, Julia Anderson, Janet Warwick, Jess Filpus, Erik Hintsala

I-pod—Erica DeGarmo

\$50 Visa card—Rob Collins

Intelligent water bottle—Vickie LaPorte

Thermal mugs—Patty Joyal, Sara Carlson, Joann Peterson, Kim VanLinden, Amanda Furr, Peggy Winters, Randy Peterson, Misty Bowen, Gabe Waskiewicz, William Miller (Hskp)

Avon bags—Arica Fassbender, Dennis Lane

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS* FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES AND ALASKA (Effective October 1, 2009)

	<u>48 Contiguous United States</u>	<u>Alaska</u>
<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Income Limits</u>	<u>Income Limits</u>
1	\$1,044	\$1,369
2	\$1,356	\$1,759
3	\$1,667	\$2,149
4	\$1,991	\$2,539
5	\$2,329	\$2,929
6	\$2,666	\$3,334
7	\$2,978	\$3,724
8	\$3,290	\$4,114
Each addi- tional mem- ber	+ \$312	+ \$390

*The net monthly income standard for each household size is the sum of the applicable Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) net monthly income eligibility standard and the applicable SNAP standard deduction.

Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(f)

Dependant Care Deduction — Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.

Earned Income Deduction — Households with earned income are allowed a deduction of 20 percent of their earned income.

Medicare Part B Medical Insurance and Part D Prescription Drug Coverage Premiums — Households that incur the cost of Medicare Part B medical insurance and/or Part D prescription drug coverage premiums are allowed a deduction for the monthly cost of the premiums.

Child Support Deduction — Households that incur the cost of legally required child support to or for a non-household member are allowed a deduction for the amount of monthly child support paid.

* **Cannot be on food stamps.**

PLEASE BRING BOXES, CRATES, BASKETS, ETC...

An Open Letter to Library Patrons:

Recently, I've had several patrons upset and confused by the library policy of returning items to the library and finding out they have fines the next time they want to check items out. I hope this explanation will end the confusion:

- * **If you return an item or items and they come in before or the day of the due date, you will not have any fines.**
- * **If you return an item AFTER the due date, there will be fines of \$.05 daily. So even when the book is returned and put back on the shelf, you are still responsible for the fines. This is the practice of ALL libraries.**

I also want to make you aware that the library system is computerized and mistakes do happen. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Mary Bergerson
Library Director

NMU HOSTS INDIGENOUS EARTH ISSUES SUMMIT

MARQUETTE, Mich.— The third annual Indigenous Earth Issues Summit will be held on Monday, April 5, at Northern Michigan University in Marquette, Mich. The public is invited

to attend free of charge, and no registration is required. Events begin at 9 a.m. in the Great Lakes Rooms of the University Center and culminate with an evening keynote presentation by Ward Churchill, American Indian Movement activist, scholar and author.

Workshop presenters will offer hands-on training in Indigenous environmental activism strategies, share information on current Indigenous environmental issues, and engage participants in activities based on learning from Mother Earth. Eco-vendors and informational tables on environmental issues will also be featured.

Churchill's presentation is titled *"Water is Life: Reflections on an Omnicidal Equation."* He will offer a holistic perspective on Indigenous environmental issues and will discuss how Indigenous concerns over water issues fit into the context of the bigger picture.

"Colonialism equals genocide," writes Churchill in his book, *Struggle for the Land*. "Colonialism also equals ecocide. The Native struggle for the liberation of our homelands is a struggle to achieve decolonization." Churchill added that it is not just a Native issue: "Like it or not, we are all—Indian and non-Indian alike—finally in the same boat. Either Native North America will be liberated or liberation will be foreclosed for everyone, once and for all. We must take our stand together."

Other invited guests from across North America include:

- * Gail Small (Cheyenne), executive director of Native Action, who has been fighting to protect her reservation from coal companies for more than 25 years. She is featured in the film *Homeland: Four Portraits of Native Action*. Her workshop will focus on how to draft Tribal laws and use organizing, alliances and legal challenges to assert Tribal control over resource extraction on and around Indian reservations.
- * Ben Yahola (Quasartte/Tokobutchee), who was part of the Anishinaabe treaty rights struggle and has been involved with the Sacred Sites run for 35 years. He is the co-director of the Mvskoke Food Sovereignty Initiative, working on Native food sovereignty. Yahola's workshop will focus on Native spiritual connections to food and the earth.
- * Damien Lee (Anishinaabe), who has developed an effective Native community project in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Through various means, the community keeps an eye on the land in order to ensure its ecological health in the face of industrialism. His workshop will offer participants skills and ideas on how to create similar organizations in their own communities.

The Summit is hosted by the NMU Center for Native American Studies, with generous support from the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. More information can be found by visiting <http://www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans> or by calling 906-227-1397. Eco-vendors interested in reserving a space should call the same number to apply by March 31.

~ submitted by Kristi Evans

EARLY YEARS ARE LEARNING YEARS KBIC Even Start Celebrates National Month of the Young Child

April 2010 – KBIC Even Start Family Literacy Center asks Baraga County to come together for children during April's Month of the Young Child. As part of the National Association for the Education of Young Children's (NAEYC) annual celebration, KBIC Even Start is honoring young children and all those who make a positive difference in children's lives with the 3rd Annual Dream Catcher Award.

"All young children need and deserve high-quality early learning experiences that will prepare them for life, and our Dream Catcher

Award provides a great opportunity to recognize those who do an outstanding job to help young children in our county," said Gail Juntunen, program coordinator. "The Month of the Young Child is a time set aside for local communities to remember that the 'early years are learning years' for all young children."

The Dream Catcher Award was created two years ago as a way to draw attention to outstanding local individuals whose work with young children has contributed to early learning readiness and success in school. So, during the Month of the Young Child, KBIC Even Start asks the community to recognize the importance of early learning and early literacy, and to celebrate the people and policies that bring early childhood education to young children. The public is invited to submit Dream Catcher Award nominations for any Baraga County resident deserving of recognition in the field of early education. This award is KBIC Even Start's tribute to the caring men and women who, in many different ways, contribute to the education and welfare of young children ages zero-eight.

Nominations for this year's Dream Catcher Award can be submitted to the KBIC Even Start office at 353-8161, Fax 353-8169 or by e-mail at gjuntunen@kbic-nsn.gov. Please submit your name, the name of your choice, phone number, and reason why this person deserves to be recognized. Deadline for nominations is noon, Friday, April 9th.

The third annual "Dream Catcher" award will be announced during the final week of the NAEYC's Month of the Young Child.

~ submitted by Gail Juntunen



Shown above are two Even Start student artists who created the new logo for KBIC Even Start Family Literacy Center: (l-r) Troy Jolgren and Brandon Chosa. Photo compliments of Even Start student Leia Mix.

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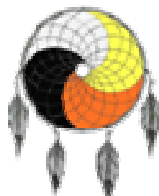
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April 2010 Calendars Events

Apr. 2 — Gov't offices closed, Good Friday Holiday
Apr. 3 — Regular Saturday Council Meeting, 10 a.m.
Apr. 4 — Easter
Apr. 5 — Indigenous Earth Issues Summit @ NMU
Apr. 7 — Family Literacy Night
Apr. 9 — Ojibwa Sr. Citizen "Loretta Lynn Concert" Trip
Apr. 11 — Veterans meeting, 7 p.m.
Apr. 22 — Ojibwa Sr. Citizen's Pasty Sale; Earth Day; KBTNRD 2nd Annual Environmental Fair @ 3 pm
Apr. 23 — Ojibwa Sr. Center — Veterans Program Presentation
Apr. 28 — Ojibwa Sr. Citizen's Monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m.
~ submitted by newsletter editor

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your events. Some events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-date event listings, visit www.ojibwa.com and click on calendar. For Youth events, see @ www.ojibwa.com, click on youth club, or contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.



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For current job listings, complete job announcements, applications and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit: www.ojibwa.com.

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Susan LaFernier Receives Taimi Lynne Hoag Award in Recognition of Environmental Stewardship Efforts

On March 23, 2010, Susan LaFernier received the Taimi Lynne Hoag Award in Chicago, from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 Tribal Caucus in recognition of her Environmental Stewardship efforts related to protection of water, efforts to oppose sulfide mining, protection of natural resources, and other such efforts. Her acceptance speech follows:

“Good Morning, ANIN! I honor the greatness in you, and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community sends you greetings. It is an honor and a privilege to be here this day with you, and I thank you so much for this award in Taimi’s memory. It is exciting to visit your city, but I feel a little like a fish out of the water....I live by one of the greatest lakes in the world-Lake Superior-and always have.

To receive this award brings feelings that I can not begin to express. I do what I do because it is who I am, it is how I was raised, it is what I believe is my purpose, and it is enough to know that rewards are waiting in heaven. There are also many, many people to thank. This award belongs to them, my Tribe, Tribal Council, and my Community. Thank you to our Tribal President Chris Swartz for nominating me which was a surprise and a special thank you to Todd Warner, our Tribe’s Natural Resource Director. He is great to work with, and he takes the time to listen to my requests.



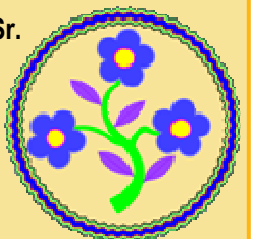
Photo Credit: Ed Fairbanks, EPA Indian Environmental Office, Minnesota Tribal Liaison and Leech Lake Band member. From left to right; Jeff Besougloff, Associate Director, EPA American Indian Environmental Office; Stan Ellison Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community & Region 5 Tribal Caucus Co-Chair; Willie Harris, soon to be Acting Director, EPA Region 5 Indian Environmental Office; Susan LaFernier, KBIC Council Secretary; Luke Jones Current Director, EPA Region 5 Indian Environmental Office (Luke will be leaving this position in the near future).

Remember we have been given the gift of our one Earth. This is our moment, go where you may, search where you will. There is no easy road, and sometimes it will be a long, steep road, but together, we can achieve success to allow our Earth, water, and creatures to fulfill their purpose. May you find peace and may God be with you until we meet again. MIIGWECH.”

Submitted by Todd Warner

Tribal Council Members:

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William E. Emery, Vice-President
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary
Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Asst. Secretary
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Toni Minton
Elizabeth D. Mayo
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
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Frederick Dakota
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.
Isabelle H. Welsh



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- April 10, 2010, Tribal Council meeting
- LaFernier receives Taimi Lynne Hoag Award
- KBIC Inter-Tribal Youth Basketball Tournament held
- HeadStart Field Trip—to the Sugar Bush
- KBIC Aquaculture Program, looking forward and back
- Drug Conviction Report
- DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner for April
- Deepest Sympathy
- New Employees

KBIC HOLDS INTER-TRIBAL YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



KBIC Youth photo.

Boys 18 and under Division Champions, “Vikings”
L-R Back Row: Coach Auddie Connor, Alden Connor, Nick Killian, Brent Van Alstine, Gaven Picciano, Durwyn Chaudier. Front Row, L-R: LeRoy Gauthier, Justin Hartzog, and Dylan DeCota.



KBIC Youth photo.

Girls 18 and under Division Champions, “Lady Vikings 1”
L-R Andrea Heikkinen, Hailey Pelon, Paige Maskill, Gabby Mackey, Rebecca Larson, Katie Schjoth, Brittany Nieskes, Shannon Fish, and Rachel Sutherland.

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The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on April 10, 2010, at the Ojibwa Casino Resort Conference Room. Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., presided over the meeting with William E. Emery, Susan J. LaFerner, Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Eddy Edwards, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo, Toni Minton, and Isabelle Helene Welsh present. President Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr. shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. Reports were given for March 2010, by Secretary Susan J. LaFerner (page four), Treasurer Eddy Edwards (page three), and CEO Larry Denomie III (page five). Council passed the Department Head Reports for February 2010.

Todd Warner of Keweenaw Bay Natural Resources introduced Jon Magnuson of the Cedar Tree Institute to the Council. Mr. Magnuson, with his assistant Rick Pietila gave a presentation of a greenhouse to be constructed on the Keweenaw Bay Reservation. The greenhouse will house native plants and be operative twelve months of the year. This endeavor, which has been granted to the Cedar Tree Institute in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, NMU Dept. of Native American Studies, and with additional funding provided by KBIC, has been given the name of *'The Zaagkii Project.'* The 33' dome will be ordered and will be installed behind the Keweenaw Bay Tribal Natural Resource building, which Council voting by secret ballot, chose as the location for this endeavor (voting results were: six for the KBTNRD area, three for the Ojibwa Senior Citizen area, two for the Ojibwa Community College area). On August 31, 2010, there will be a dedication blessing ceremony, and a feast for *'The Zaagkii Project,'* and a staff training workshop will be held on September 1, 2010.

The 3rd Reading of the Title Ten Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Gathering Ordinance proposed amendment 2009-03 was held. **Motion by Frederick Dakota to adopt the Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Gathering Ordinance 2009-03, supported by William E. Emery, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.** An Amendment, to the Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Gathering Ordinance 2009-03 was introduced. Raccoons will be removed from the small game definition and would then be in the definition of other wild animals (other wild animals may be hunted at any other time without bag limitation). As to trapping, raccoons remain in the fur bearing definition but may be trapped without any bag limitations; trapping raccoons will still be subject to Title Ten seasonal bag limitations providing raccoons have become a nuisance on residential property by causing damage of the property, can be trapped anytime by or without the permission of the property owner without a license. **Motion by Frederick Dakota to approve the amendment to the Hunting, Fishing, Trapping, and Gathering Ordinance 2009-003, supported by Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**

President Swartz on behalf of Loretta Hugo of the Ojibwa Senior Citizens presented the request to appoint two delegates (interim/alternate) with voting rights for a two year month term to the Michigan Indian Elder Association Board. The Ojibwa Senior Citizens had named Sandra Pittsley and Shirley McKasy to the MIEA Board and are requesting their appointment by Council at the April 2010 meeting. According to their by-laws, the Tribe shall designate two delegates with voting rights for a two-year term. **Motion by Frederick Dakota to adopt the two resolutions for the MIEA voting memberships with Shirley McKasy being the interim delegate and Sandra Pittsley being the alternate delegate on the**

Michigan Indian Education Board, supported by Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.

Judy Heath, Tribal Social Services Director presented a resolution authorizing the Director of the Tribal Social Services Department to submit applications to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for payments from Title IV-E grant monies as defined under sections 470 through 479B of the Social Security Act and to submit applications to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for payments from Title IV-B Subpart 1 and Subpart 2 grant monies as defined under sections 421 through 439 of the Social Security Act. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo authorizing resolution KB-1743-2010, supported by Toni Minton, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**

Secretary Susan LaFerner requested a date be scheduled for a governmental employee grievance (#002-10). April 15, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. was scheduled.

Motion by Eddy Edwards to introduce and schedule a second reading for Proposed Land Assignment Ordinance 2010-02 and Proposed Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Ordinance 2010-03, supported by Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to waive the first reading of the Proposed Land Assignment Ordinance 2010-02 and the Proposed Mortgage Foreclosure and Eviction Ordinance 2010-03, supported by Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.** Council scheduled the 2nd reading for both ordinances on May 1, 2010.

Eddy Edwards brought forth the donation requests received in the month of March 2010.

- **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to deny the request of Sarah Garver for the financial assistance in any amount to attend the Main Street Cosmetology School, supported by Michael LaFerner, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**
- **Motion by Isabelle Welsh to assist Dave Firestone with a \$1000 donation towards his request of \$7,236 which is the cost to install a solar heating powered system at his residence, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, eight supported (Emery, S. LaFerner, Matthews, Edwards, Dakota, M. LaFerner, Mayo, Welsh), two opposed (Loonsfoot, Minton), 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**
- **Motion by Eddy Edwards to donate \$200 to the ROTC NMU Military Ball by request of Cadet Paul Smith, supported by Michael LaFerner, Sr., nine supported (Emery, S. LaFerner, Matthews, Edwards, Dakota, M. LaFerner, Mayo, Minton, Welsh), one opposed (Loonsfoot), 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**
- **Motion by Toni Minton to approve \$300 to Rebecca Rasanen for her senior class trip to Europe, supported by Isabelle Welsh, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**
- **Motion by Isabelle Welsh to reimburse Donald Stolp \$600.78 for expenses related to the funeral of his brother, as he had exhausted medical allocations previously, supported by Michael LaFerner, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**
- **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to deny Lisa Denomie's request for \$825 (minus**

a possible \$350 scholarship) to attend clown school, supported by Frederick Dakota, five supported (Welsh, M. LaFerner, Emery, Dakota, Mayo), five opposed (Minton, Matthews, Edwards, Loonsfoot, S. LaFerner), 0 abstaining, one absent (Curtis), President Swartz voted to support the motion to break the tie, motion carried.

- **Motion by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. to approve a \$600 donation for the Baraga Cross Country Team for uniforms/sweats, supported by Michael LaFerner, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**
- **Motion by Toni Minton to deny the request for donation to support their powwow by the All Nations Veteran Council in Livingston County (near Brighton, MI), supported by Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, eight supported (Emery, Matthews, Edwards, Dakota, Loonsfoot, mayo, Minton, Welsh), two opposed (S. LaFerner, M. LaFerner), 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motioned carried.**
- **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to deny the request of Indian Health Center Red Shawl Gala to be held at the Milwaukee Potawatomi Bingo/Casino facility, Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**
- **Motion by William E. Emery to approve a donation of \$1000 (if one wasn't given this FY) to Congressman Dale Kildee's re-election campaign, supported by Eddy Edwards, nine supported, (Emery, S. LaFerner, Matthews, Edwards, Dakota, M. LaFerner, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Minton), one opposed (Welsh), 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**
- **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to approve the donation of \$7000 for the Baraga County Lumberjack Days Celebration, supported by M. LaFerner, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**
- **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to deny the donation request of Superiorland Soccer to help pay off a debt that they borrowed from the City of Marquette, supported by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**
- **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to deny the request by the Marquette County Fair for a \$10,000 donation to develop 4-H and Youth Projects, supported by Frederick Dakota, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**
- **Motion to deny the request of San Bernardino County for Safety Employee Benefit, supported by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**
- **Motion by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., to deny the request for financial assistance for travel by Felica Van Dyke, supported by Eddy Edwards, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**
- **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to deny the request of Marquette Junior Yacht Club 2000, supported by Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthew, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**
- **Motion by Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews to approve the donation of \$500 for the Four Thunders Drum for the Spring Feast for the Breaking of the Waters,**

supported by Michael LaFernier, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.

- **Motion by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr. to table the request of Great Lakes Recovery Center for \$349 to purchase one case of Red Road to Wellbriety Books, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**

- **Motion by Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., to donate \$500 to the American Legion Post 444 in Baraga, for brass markers and flags, supported by Elizabeth D. Mayo, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**

Total donations approved \$11,700.78.

Council went into closed session with KBIC members only for 2% requests review. Upon returning to open session a motion was made. **Motion by Eddy Edwards to direct the CEO and staff to seek all funding available for our Head Start and Early Head Start programs, supported by Michael LaFernier, Sr., ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**

~ submitted by newsletter editor

MARCH 2010 TREASURER'S REPORT.

Activities Reported by the Treasurer, Eddy Edwards, for the month of March 2010. Treasurer's report was given verbally and transcribed by the newsletter editor.

Today, I put on the agenda the donations that came in throughout the month of March. The donations for the month of February came to a total of \$16,384, and those are all in the minutes and in the Secretary's report if you want to look for the specifics. Today, I also put on the agenda the 2% distributions. I know normally the 2% distributions go through the end of March, and this is only early April, and the March financial statements aren't ready yet, but I wanted to put this on the agenda to get a discussion going. I wanted to take the opportunity to get all of the Council to review all of the information that comes in from both Baraga and Marquette as sometimes it is extensive, and it is a lot of money. I also included on that summary a copy of the statement from the stipulation for entry of consent judgment that we agreed to along with other Tribes about what are the minimum guidelines for distribution of 2% funds. I included a copy of each request, a summary of the request. I did not include every single piece of paper that they submitted, but I submitted the primary information that each individual or group had submitted. I wanted to get the discussion going whether or not we approve some amounts today, or we approve the final amount at a later meeting. I also wanted to remind Council members to pay attention to their financial statements. One particular area is the trust funds and the value of those trust funds, with the economy and how those are being affected. Another one would be the financial statements for the Casinos and services and their house profits and how those are doing in relation to projections.

The one thing that will be coming up soon is the review of the audit for 2009. I know the crew had been here from Egghart and associates, and I know one thing I am looking forward to is the successful completion of those audits. When that audit comes back, I expect the council will review it. The results of the audit will tell us if the financial statements are reliable.

This is the basis of my report, just to tell you what we have on the agenda, why I put some of this stuff on the agenda, and what we hope to do.

Respectfully given,
Eddy Edwards, Treasurer

KBOCC to Honor Three Graduates

On Saturday, May 1, 2010, beginning at 2 pm in the Niiwin Akeaa Center Gymnasium, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College will honor three graduates at KBOCC's annual Honors Convocation and Commencement Ceremony. During this program, KBOCC will also honors students who have achieved Dean's List, Honor's List, or Scholastic Achievement Recognition during the 2009-2010 academic year. Please join us in celebrating the accomplishments of each and every student. The public is welcome!

Chris Chosa – Fall 2009 Graduate
Chris graduated from KBOCC with his Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Studies with an emphasis in Native American Studies. During his tenure with KBOCC, he was an active participant in student government and also participated in the MICUP (Michigan College and University Partnership) program. Chris is currently attending Michigan Technological University pursuing his degree in anthropology.

Betti Szaroletta – Spring 2010 Graduate

Betti is graduating with her Associate of Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Education. She previously acquired an associate's degree in elementary education from Gogebic Community College but attended KBOCC to further her educational background in working with pre-school aged children. Betti has three children ages eleven, seven, and four. She hopes she has set an example for and inspired them to pursue their dreams. Betti is currently employed at KBIC Head Start.



Ryan Koski – Summer 2010 Graduate

Ryan is graduating with his Associate of Arts degree in Liberal Studies. He was named Freshman of the Year during the 2008-2009 academic year, and he was recently named Student of the Year for the 2009-2010 academic year. Ryan has participated in the MICUP program, student government, and SNOWS (Student and Native Organization of Writers and Storytellers). He is currently employed at the Ojibwa Casino in Baraga. Ryan's future plans are to attend Michigan Technological University beginning this summer.



~ submitted by Megan Shanahan

KBOCC student's visit Washington DC



KBOCC photo.

KBOCC students, Ronald Brunk and Chalsea Smith, recently visited Washington DC as part of the College's student leadership program. The students were accompanied by KBOCC President Debbie Parrish and board member Robin Chosa. The trip is made annually to meet with Michigan's representatives to discuss the key priorities for the American Indian Higher Education Consortium.

The KBOCC delegation met with Congressman Bart Stupak's assistant, Ernesto Falcon; Senator Carl Levin's senior adviser, Jackie

Parker; Debbie Stabenow's assistant, Patty Reader; Congressman Dale Kildee and his assistant, Paxton Myers. This year Ojibwa Community College's shortlist included 1) full operational funding as appropriated from the Bureau of Indian Education, 2) PATH (Promoting the Advancement of Tribal Health) legislation to establish health programs at the post-secondary level at the tribal colleges, 3) increased funding for Land Grant institutions, and 4) establishment of a Tribal college specific student services program and native language program.

KBOCC students Ron Brunk and Chalsea Smith both spoke about their experiences and the opportunities available to them at a Tribal college and how it is positively impacting their lives. In his trip report, Ron Brunk "encourages any students reading this to stay in school, study hard, and be the best person you can be. You never know where life will take you." Brunk said he will never forget this trip, and it will always be a great memory in his life.

In her trip report, Chalsea Smith talked about how she was able to tour our nation's capitol and experience what she read in history books and saw in the movies. Smith reported of her visit with Congressman Dale Kildee, "That was the best visit overall. He really listened and showed interest in us. He wanted to talk to us. He really loves the Anishinabe people. It was like we were old friends and not an appointment."

Chosa, Brunk and Smith visited the Senate hearing room and listened to them talk about Billy's law. From there they visited the Smithsonian Museum of the Native Americans. Other popular visits included the Washington Memorial, White House, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial and a sculpture garden near the national mall. Smith enjoyed a few minutes ice skating there.

KBOCC President Debbie Parrish also attended the executive branch presentations which included guest speakers Larry Echo Hawk, Assistant Secretary Indian Affairs, Dept. of Interior; Jane Oates, Assistant Secretary, Employment and Training, Dept. of Labor; Charles Rose, General Counsel, Dept. of Education; Kim Teehee, Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs, White House; and Daniel Madzellan, Acting Assistant Secretary for Postsecondary Education, Dept. of Education.

Parrish also requested support from the Michigan representatives to add Ojibwa Community College to the land grant legislation in order to obtain funding provided to other Tribal colleges and universities. Parrish said, "This funding will provide us with additional resources for construction and operations."

~ submitted by Debbie Parrish



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College Update

Since Ojibwa Community College has received initial candidacy status from the Higher Learning Commission on October 1, 2009, several doors have been opened for the growing institution. KBOCC is now listed on the Commission's site and is authorized to utilize it's mark of affiliation. The Commission's annual meeting will be held April 10-13 in Chicago.

On October 13, 2009, KBOCC was approved as a full voting member of the American Indian Higher Education. AIHEC is comprised of 35 Tribal colleges and universities across the nation. AIHEC membership allows

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SECRETARY’S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2010.

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFernier, for the month of March 2010.

I pray that everyone had a “Blessed Easter Holiday.”

We all need to commit to do our part to protect our environment and change the world. I hope that you have been learning how to save and conserve energy to protect our Earth if you are able. I continue to emphasize that every month is “Energy Awareness Month,” and our theme for the year is “Commit to Conserve.” There are simple everyday conservation measures we can all easily commit to. There are also everyday measures we can do to reduce air pollution, conserve water, reduce/reuse/recycle/re-buy materials, and prevent pollution in general. Once again, October was Energy Awareness Month! This year’s theme, “A Sustainable Energy Future—Putting All the Pieces Together” encourages you to see yourself as a piece of a large puzzle, fitting into the big picture, shaping our energy future and moving our nation toward energy independence. All of this information is available on the EPA.gov and energy.gov websites.

Thank you to everyone who cares and protects our earth and water every day. It is our responsibility: Tribes, residents, municipalities, businesses, and visitors need to protect and restore the quality of Lake Superior’s (and all of our lakes) waters, land, and wildlife. The lakes have always been and always will be important to the quality of our life.

April 22nd is Earth Day! Remember to attend the 2nd Annual Environmental Fair at the Ojibwa Community College on Thursday, April 22, 2010, from 3-6 p.m. It is sponsored by our Natural Resources Department.

We have been working on the completion of the comprehensive plan, the updated personnel policies, and other policy concerns. I attended the Department Head meeting on March 16, and it was very informative with many issues being discussed. Other Council members and I also attended two of the meetings with Custom Chassis, Inc. with various other Baraga County businesses to promote economic development in our area that have been reported on in the L’Anse Sentinel.

We continue to have monthly meetings with our employee wellness group and our Blue Cross representative/Employee Benefit Agency. The official name for the Task Force is: W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program). The members of the task force also developed a mission statement that reads: “The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program (W.H.I.P.P.) is dedicated to improving and maintaining the general health and well being of our employees, dependents, and community members. Our goal is to provide information, activities, motivation, services, and recognition to enhance the ability of people to better manage their own health, improve their quality of life, and reduce their risk of disease and injury. Positive lifestyle choices develop a culture that is focused on celebrating and improving the quality of life for all. It is never too late to encourage positive lifestyle changes that will help us live longer, healthier, happier lives. On March 25, the Task Force and volunteers sponsored a “Nutritious Pot Luck Luncheon” at the Ojibwa Conference Room for the government and enterprise employees which promoted March as Nutritious Month. Employees were given additional time at lunch to attend. Also they were asked to bring their recipes to be included in an “Employee Nutritious Recipe Cookbook” and prizes were also given. A similar event will be held at the Marquette Casino. Thank you to everyone who prepared, setup, and cooked for the luncheon. Be watching for special events/healthful information every month.

Comments were sent to the Michigan De-

partment of Natural Resources and Environmental (MDNRE) on February 22, 2010, by Todd Warner, NRD Director, regarding the application/permits to build Kennecott’s south haul road, known now as the Woodland Road, from the Yellow Dog Plains to Humboldt Township. The company plans to cross eight waterways including the Yellow Dog River, Mulligan Creek, Dead River, Middle Branch Escanaba River, Wildcat Canyon, and more. According to the company, thirty-eight acres of wetlands will be removed. The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Army Corps of Engineers sent letters recommending that EPA deny the approval of the permit for this road. EPA did issue a federal objection to the issuance of the permit. The MDNRE now has 90 days to either deny the permit or work with the applicant to resolve the issues that have been raised.

On March 11 and 12, 2010, KBIC, Huron Mountain Club, National Wildlife Federation, and the Yellow Dog Watershed Environmental Preserve, Inc. filed Petitions for Review of Final Determination and Order of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Concerning Part 31 Groundwater Discharge Permit No. GW1810162 and Part 632 Nonferrous Metallic Mineral Mining No. MP01 2007 in the Circuit Court for the County of Washtenaw.

Chuck Brumleve and I attended the public informational meeting on March 11, 2010, at 7 p.m. at the Westwood High School in Ishpeming with the MIDNRE that discussed a request by the Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company to modify the groundwater discharge permit for the infiltration design for the Eagle Rock Mine project that is related to the UIC (underground injection control) permit that requires approval by the EPA. Kennecott then announced that they no longer needed the permit from EPA. KBIC has submitted a letter to EPA officials explaining our concern and the numerous reasons that this modification would still require Kennecott to acquire a UIC permit.

Please continue to call/write your elected officials and Governor, and tell them that the short term benefits are not worth the harmful long term effects on our health, rivers, Great Lakes, woods, and wild places because of the great potential for acid mine drainage. Please call me or write if you would like to review the National Wildlife Federation’s DVD “Mining Madness, Water Wars: The Great Lakes In The Balance.”

April 1 was CENSUS DAY and if you were not contacted, there is still time to fill out a census form. On March 24, Robin Chosa reported that 35-40% of our Tribal members have responded. Great Job! Remember — “Indian Country Counts, Our People, Our Nations, Our Future!”

Finally, I had the distinct pleasure of attending the 2010 EPA Indian General Assistance (GAP) Program Conference on March 23, in Chicago, Illinois, with Todd Warner where I received the 2009 Taimi Lynne Hoag Environmental Stewardship Award that President Swartz nominated me for. I told them that this award belongs to you, my Tribe, Tribal Council, and my Community for all of your continued hard work with taking care of our gift—our one earth. We all have a purpose, this is our moment, go where you may, search where you will, and together we can achieve success to allow our earth, water, and creatures to fulfill their purpose. Miigwech. Todd, George Beck for LVD, and I, also met with Tinka Hyde and her staff regarding water monitoring around the proposed mine sites.

Remember to continue to pray for and honor all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families. Also remember those who are ill, have lost loved ones in the last year, our economy struggles, and for all of the people who have been affected by the recent earthquakes around the world. Let us be thankful for our beautiful area, and we pray for

peace in the world, good health, happiness, and a blessed New Year.

We also continue to recognize the richness of Native American contributions, accomplishments, and sacrifices to the political, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States.

Remember the Drug Tip Line number is 353-DRUG or 353-3784. The yellow banners are around the reservation with this drug tip line number displayed.

During March 2010, the Tribal Council had one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on March 6, 2010. This meeting is covered in the April 2010 Newsletter. Tribal Council held five Special Council Meetings. Following are the unapproved motions in March.

At the council meeting held March 4, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of October 8, 22, 23, and 29, 2009;
- Approved Resolution KB 1736-2010 Access to Recovery (ATR) ITC Grant Application;
- Approved the site at Sand Point for the wind power feasibility study;
- Defeated a motion to hire the two gaming commissioners who met the qualifications and decided to interview six applicants;
- Approved Resolution KB1735-2010 Weed & Seed Year Four program Funding Application;
- Approved the Ojibwa Community College’s Board of Regent’s applications (two);
- Approved Colleen DeRoche’s request for vehicle repairs in the amount of \$1,124.15;
- Approved the services agreement with Eco Hatchery and KBIC;
- Approved the course offerings from BSA (3 tracks-Building Science Academy on how to conserve energy);
- Offered the position of Project Manager to Bruce LaPointe and offered the wage of \$58,000.

At the council meeting held March 11, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved changing the Health Insurance for the Enterprises to CB15 with \$30/\$30 office visits/chiropractic and emergency services to \$150 co-pay;
- Approved changing the Health Insurance for the Government to CB15 with \$30/\$30 office visits/chiropractic and emergency services to \$150 co-pay;
- Approved all 21 commercial fishing applications pending boat safety inspection, outstanding catch reports, HAACP training, and payment of violations/fines;
- Approved IDI from Marquette as the architect for the Early Childhood Education Center project and the KBIC agreement between owner and architect as presented;
- Approved additional funds/budget modification for Fund #545 Special Projects for \$49,649;
- Approved the service quotation from the Ceridian Corporation (Employee Assistance Program Services) and the agreement for products and services pending the attorney review for \$17,634.84;
- Approved the Women’s Retreat Contract;
- Approved the use of the field behind the Casino by the Baraga Volunteer Fire Department for the Mud Drag races on May 22;
- Approved Nanette Beck’s request for \$1,329.17 for moving expenses;
- Defeated a motion for additional funds for vehicle repairs for Colleen DeRoche in the amount of \$295.54;
- Approved moving the regular Tribal Coun-

cil meeting date from April 3, to April 10, due to the Easter holiday;

- Tabled a request from Turtle Island Cultural Services, Inc. until more information is received.

At the council meeting held March 18, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved Resolution KB 1737-2010 ARRA Cooperative Agreement with the Baraga County Road Commission (paving project);
- Approved the ATSDR (Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry) of the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services License Agreement for publication of the Sand Point Brownfield Cleanup information;
- Approved the Confidentiality Agreement between KBIC and Custom Chassis, Inc.;
- Approved Jennifer Misegan and David Rantanen as Gaming Commissioners;
- Enterprise Grievance Hearing #001-10. Approved to overturn the decision of the General Manager, remove the suspension from his record and return his back pay;
- Sales Tax Case: Approved the stipulation to entry of consent judgment and order the dismissal with prejudice between KBIC and the State of Michigan and all listed and authorize the President to sign.

At the council meeting held March 19, 2010, Council attended a Business Development Workshop at the Chippewa Room—Ojibwa Casino with speaker Lance Morgan, CEO from Ho-Chunk, Inc. and presented/ sponsored by Tracey Fischer First Nations Oweesta Corporation and the U.S. Department of Justice, Community Capacity Development Office.

At the council meeting held March 25, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the proposed KBIC newsletter guidelines;
- Approved the 2010-2011 Blue Cross employee portion rates;
- Approved to direct the President and CEO/ Staff to pursue and negotiate a compact extension with the Governor/State of Michigan;
- Approved the authorization of a cash match of \$16,000 and authorize the President to sign the grant and a letter of support for the ANA/GIS (Geographic Information System) application;
- Approved the low bid of Haataja Truck'n for the Commodity Foods Center sewer line project;
- Approved funding for Toni Minton and Brenda Brunk, immersion class students with Bay Mills Community College for \$298.83 because they are not eligible for the Pell Grant;
- Approved interviewing Dale Shalfoe and Michael Cardinal for the Executive Director of the Gaming Commission;
- Approved that the Tribal Council waive the reading of the minutes of the Tribal Council meeting held on March 18, 2010, regarding the adoption of the motion by the Tribal Council which approved the Stipulation To Entry of Consent Judgment and Order of Dismissal with Prejudice in KBIC v. Robert J. Kleine, Treasurer of the State of Michigan; et. al., United States District Court, Western District of Michigan, Civil File No. 2:05-CV-0224;
- Approved budgets #09.70.755 and #09.70.630 for the Child Development Center;

Gaming Commission—

- Approved the Baraga Fire Department's Class I Social Gaming License Action #020-2010;
- Approved Actions #021 through #027-2010 Game Removals and Installations, renewal of Higgins Bingo Supplies, Inc., Spielo

Manufacturing, ULC, and WMS Gaming, Inc. manufacturer/distributor licenses;

- Approved the denial of employee gaming license KB-007-10 Action #027-2010.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary

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To place an ad, submit an article, or relate information or ideas on possible articles contact Lauri Denomie at newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov or call 906-201-0263.

CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2010.

On March 9, an option for Employee Assistance Program services was presented. The Tribe was under contract with North Star Employee Assistance Program & Life Counseling Center through the end of March. On March 11, Council approved moving forward with contracting services for an Employee Assistance Program with Ceridian Corporation. Contract negotiations are ongoing and EAP services to employees are suspended pending finalization of a contract. This matter will be further discussed later today.

Plans continue to be developed for the construction of the solid waste transfer station which will be located at KBIC's industrial park. Preliminary design and site selection is nearly completed and bidding for the project is estimated to take place within the next 60 days. Indian Health Services is providing design and engineering services for the project. Options for moving the solid waste to a landfill are also being worked on. Once the options are formalized the matter will be brought before Council for consideration.

A bi-monthly governmental department head meeting took place on March 16, and provided staff the opportunity to discuss relevant issues. President Swartz attended the meeting and provided updates relating to Council activities. The next meeting will occur in May.

On March 17, Sarah Smith, Assistant CEO, and I traveled to Sault Ste. Marie to meet with Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan staff to further discuss the transitioning of the Head Start and Early Head Start Programs to KBIC. Based on the information gathered at the meeting and correspondences since, Sarah and I need to further discuss the issue, and we are on the agenda today in closed session. We will provide an update and seek direction in moving forward with the project.

On March 25, a Nutritious Pot Luck Luncheon was held in the Ojibwa Resort Conference Rooms. Employees were encouraged to participate by bringing in a nutritious dish and, if they were willing, their recipe. The food was very good and many positive comments were given regarding the event. The recipes that were provided will eventually become part of a cookbook that will be distributed to employees. The Ojibwa Casino Marquette staff has planned their pot luck event for April 9. Prize drawings were conducted for those who provided a dish.

The WHIPP Task Force is finalizing plans for the April event which is in conjunction with Cancer Awareness. The details of that event which should prove to be quite fun will be out very soon.

Council approved the hiring of Bruce LaPointe to serve as the Tribe's Project Manager. He began in the position on March 15 and has settled in to his crowded quarters nicely. He is currently in an office with his employee, Clayton Ekdahl, Special Projects and Safety Coordinator. Within the next few weeks some relocation of staff will take place. Gregg Nominelli, Economic Developer, will be moving out of the Planning and Development building and moving into the Anokii Center located at the industrial park. Gregg and his staff will continue to provide business services as well as lead economic development opportunities for the Tribe. Bruce and Clayton will move from their current office site located at the Tribal Center to the Planning and Development building located on US41 in Baraga where Jason Ayres, Realty Officer and Roads Specialist, and Ken Marshall, GIS Specialist are located. The offices will continue to be referred to as Planning and Development. The Anokii Center will become the Economic Development and Business Resources Center.

The Tribal Police and Conservation departments have relocated. The former KBIC Tire facility located on US41 just north of the Pines Convenience Center is their new home. The Tribal Maintenance Department renovated the facility and has done an outstanding job, such that it wouldn't be recognized. Dale Dakota, Chief of Police, is satisfied with the facility for the most part and likes the change in location. There are some additional renovations which need to take place and Arlan Friisvall will be bringing that issue forward in the near future.

The offices where the police and conservation were located at the Tribal Center will become the Community Assistance Program offices. Debbie Picciano, Director of the program, will be enhancing the services she currently offers to include a food pantry, weatherization materials, job skills building opportunities, and seasonal clothing for the needy. It will take a little while to build the services but once completed will offer needed services in our community.

The THPO staff will be relocating in the next few weeks. Summer Cohen and Joe Jacker who are currently located in tiny office at the Cultural Center will relocate to the office space currently used by the Community Assistance Program.

As always, if anyone has questions, concerns, or issues that the CEO's office can assist with, please don't hesitate to stop, e-mail, or call.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry J. Denomie, III, CEO

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We will begin to clean our cemeteries and please help as we prepare to remember our veterans and loved ones on Memorial Day. There will be a service and ceremony/picnic feast on Memorial Day—May 31st. Please continue to help clean our roadsides and everywhere. Miigwech everyone!

Remember all of the special women in your lives on Mother's Day—May 9th. They are special!

**PROTECTING YOUR
SKIN THIS SUMMER**

With beach and camping weather just around the corner it's time to look into products which would enhance your enjoyment of the outdoors. Two items commonly used in summer activities are: sunscreen and insect repellent. Now would be a good time to find some ecologically friendly products which would benefit your health and our environment.

The Department of Health and Human Services Report lists solar ultraviolet radiation as a "known human carcinogen." A few facts from The Skin Cancer Foundation: Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the United

New Employees



Bruce LaPointe, Sr. has been hired as the Tribe's Project Manager. Bruce's background includes Construction/Project Management, Grant Writing/Administration, Strategic Planning, Budgeting, Procurement/Purchasing, Negotiated Rule Making (HAHASDA), and Infrastructure: Water & Sewer Distribution. Bruce is a licensed Michigan Residential Builder and a certified Journeyman Carpenter & Hazardous Waste. He has twenty-nine years of business experience in management, supervision, construction, maintenance and modernization operations of residential and commercial projects. His background includes the coordination and execution of management activities, including strategic planning, budgeting, scheduling, training, inventory, record keeping, project analysis and financial reporting.

Bruce is the son of Marjorie and Donald A. LaPointe and was raised on the reservation with his sister, Carole. He graduated from Baraga High in 1974. Bruce is a single father of three children, Matt, who is an 18-year-old senior at Sault Ste. Marie High School, and has been recently accepted at Michigan Tech for the fall, Bruce Jr. is 14-years old, and Courtney is 12-years old.



Karin Andrus has been hired as the KBIC, OVW, Survivor Advocate. Karin states, "I am happy to be here and look forward to learning and growing with this program. My husband, Bill and I reside in Bruce Crossing where we have raised four children. We have five grandchildren. Prior to this position, I was employed by Gogebic Community Mental Health at the drop in center and as a home based social worker. I have earned two degrees from NMU, a bachelor of science in psychology and a bachelor of social work. I enjoy exploring the outdoors with my dog Dweeb and reading. I am teaching myself to crochet. I also enjoy learning and am interested in taking an Ojibwa language course. I look forward to providing services to and educating the community on survivor issues."

May 2010 Calendars Events

- May 1** — Regular Saturday Council Meeting, 10 a.m.; KBOCC Graduation
- May 7** — Deadline to apply for Interim Program
- May. 9** — Mother's Day
- May 12** — Nurse's Day
- May 15** — Armed Forces Day
- May 19** — Veterans meeting, 7 p.m.
- May 31** — Memorial Day, Tribal Gov't Offices closed

~ submitted by newsletter editor

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your events. Some events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-date event listings, visit www.ojibwa.com and click on calendar. For Youth events, see @ www.ojibwa.com, click on youth club, or contact 353-4643/ Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.



KBIC FOSTER HOME RECRUITMENT DINNER

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2010
TIME: 6-8 p.m.
WHERE: KBIC BINGO HALL

Please RSVP by Friday, May 7, 2010. Call Nancy at KBIC Tribal Social Services at 353-4201.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

COMMUNITY MEMBERS INTERESTED IN FINDING OUT MORE ABOUT FOSTER PARENTING.

SPONSORED BY: KBIC INDIAN CHILD WELFARE-JUSTICE COMMITTEE AND TRIBAL SOCIAL SERVICES

The DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner for April.

Angela Kelly is the DHHS Superior Spirit Award winner for April. Angela was nominated by a co-worker who stated, "Angela works very hard completing her duties and is always ready to help out her co-workers. She has done a great job training and implementing Electronic Health Records."

Angela received a beaded lanyard for her name badge and is able to park in the spot specifically designed for the DHHS Superior Spirit Award winner. Congratulations, Angela Kelly!!



HEAD START FIELD TRIP TO THE SUGAR BUSH



KBIC Tribal Head Start's field trip on March 22, 2010, brought them to Ron Spruce's sugar bush. Two separate groups visited Spruce's sugar bush where they learned about the process.

Mr. Spruce showed them how to tap a tree and explained how the sap runs up a tree rather than down the tree. He brought them down to the sugar bush where he had some sap boiling where he explained how syrup was made. Each child received some maple sugar candy that Mr. Spruce had made.

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A Poem by Adam Lussier

"I am frightened," she said.
"I get so close, my heart quickens, my palms get wet.
It is so intense, then it's over.
Suddenly, it starts over again.
It's an excitement, this anticipation of something about to happen.
I take a deep breath, I can't look.
My mind starts to race faster and faster,
I can't hear anything, but my heart beating loud.
Once again it's over.
Somebody hollered BINGO, bummer."



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KBIC INTER-TRIBAL YOUTH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT continued:

The KBIC Youth Programs held an Inter-Tribal Youth Basketball Tournament the weekend of April 9—11. The double elimination tournament was broken down into two divisions — Boys 18 & under and Girls 18 & under. There were a total of eleven teams competing. Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe sponsored four teams, Lac Vieux Desert sponsored two teams, Baraga High School sponsored two girls' teams and one boy's team, and Keweenaw Bay sponsored two Rez Runner Teams.

The games began Friday evening, April 9th and continued throughout the day on Saturday. Sunday closed the tournament with Championship games being held Sunday morning. All participants received Tournament T-shirts and trophies were awarded to the Runner-up and Champion teams. Cheryne Clement, KBIC's Youth Coordinator stated, "Everything went really well this weekend. We had a lot of people from the Community come to watch, and it was great to see the kids compete against youth from other Michigan tribes. Hopefully, we can make this an annual event!"



Category — 16-18 year old girls team, KBIC Rez Runners vs. LVD. Point guard Gabrielle Picciano looks for a pass against an LVD player, as teammates Paige Chosa, #54, and Jade Chaudier, #35, position to get open.

The KBIC Girls lost in the Third Place game against LVD early Sunday Morning. Members of the KBIC Rez Runners Girls team includes Jade Chaudier, Brooke Chaudier, Deanna Varline, Ginger Shelifoe, Gabrielle Picciano, Tashina Emery, Angelica Bogda, and Paige Chosa. They were coached by Danika Strong.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community's
32nd Annual Powwow
Logo Contest
Prize Money \$150
'Honoring Our Legacy'
Open to KBIC members and descendants.
Deadline: Friday, May 14, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

Entry drop-off is to the KBIC Tribal Center Receptionist Desk or mail to: KBIC Powwow Committee
16429 Bear Town Road
Baraga, MI 49908

All entries become the property of the Powwow Committee. Our theme this year is: Honoring Our Legacy.

Artwork must be:

1. Drawn on white paper, no smaller than 5"x 5" and no larger than 8.5"x 11".
2. Drawn in black ink.
3. Artwork must be reproducible quality for copying, scanning and imaging purposes.
4. Artwork must be signed by the artist.
5. Contest is open to KBIC members and descendants.

Seeking Princess Candidates

The KBIC Pow Wow Committee is seeking essays from young women who are interested in representing the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community as Princess for 2010-2011.

Eligible Young Women:

- Must complete application;
- Must be an enrolled KBIC member (enrollment card required);
- 13-18 years of age;
- A good role model (socially and academically);
- A traditional, jingle, or fancy shawl dancer;
- Alcohol and drug Free.

The essay must be written by the candidate and contain each of the following

- A biography about yourself;
- Your future plans;
- What our culture means to you;
- Why would you like to represent the tribe as its Princess;
- What you do/can do for the tribe (community involvement)

Essays may be typed or neatly handwritten, must be signed and include your address and telephone number. Applications are available at the Tribal Center. Applications must be submitted by Friday, March 26, 2010, 4:00 p.m. Submit your essay to the Tribal Center addressed to the Pow Wow Committee.

Deadline extended to May 14, 2010, 4:30 p.m.

32nd Annual Keweenaw Bay Traditional Pow-wow
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Newsletter designed ad

May—National Foster Care Month

Have you ever seen the ad in the L’Anse Sentinel, “Looking for a few good people to become foster parents.” If you have, then have you ever wondered why a Social Service Agency would advertise for foster parents?

Foster care is a service provided to the entire community by good caring people who desire to make the lives of a single child or group of children better so that they can continue to grow and mature and eventually become productive citizens. It is a service provided to the entire community because it benefits our entire community.

When a child is taken into care there are underlying reasons for that happening. It usually happens when the Court makes a finding that a child has been neglected or abused. By far the majority of neglect and abuse cases we see in our Court system involve substance abuse. This comes as no surprise because the majority of the Court’s criminal caseload also involves some form of substance abuse. A child can also come into foster care when the child’s parents are unable to care for them or cannot meet their needs. These cases are considered “child in need of care” cases. Under either situation, the foster care system is called upon to provide these children with a home where they can feel safe, secure, and most of all loved.

I have always had great respect for foster parents, and over the years, I have met many of them. It takes a special person to open the door to their home and ultimately their heart to a child from another family. It is this particular act of kindness that impresses me the most about foster parents.

Once in the foster care system, the Social Services Department monitors the foster placement and reports back to the Court on a regular basis. The Court conducts review hearings regarding the child every 90 days. At these hearings, the Court is informed about the child’s mental and physical health, their behavior, academic performance, and their social skills. Relationships between the foster child and each person in the foster family are also issues that are considered.

It is very common for grandparents to become foster care providers to their grandchildren. While it is still unfortunate for foster children to have to endure, it does lessen the emotional trauma of having to deal with strangers. It also follows along with our traditional ways of utilizing extended family for the care of our children. This is something that has been going on for generations in Tribal communities and is now being recognized in the State of Michigan as a practical and fundable placement option.

Foster care is meant to be a temporary fix. The purpose is to provide the child with immediate protection from their home environment. During the child’s stay out of the home, Protective Services works with the parents to address the issues that led to the removal of their child or children. Reunification of the family is always the goal. Sometimes that goal cannot be achieved for different reasons. By law the Court cannot terminate parental rights to a child for two years. Once all parental rights are terminated, a child can become eligible for adoption.

Studies have shown that children need to feel safe, secure, loved, and have sense of permanency in their everyday lives in order to properly develop. Right now foster care is the best option for that.

Foster care does not always live up to everyone’s expectations. If you consider only food, shelter, safety, and proving the opportunity for schooling, foster care does work. The total package, however, as far as personal growth and overall happiness sometimes falls short.

Being raised as a foster child is far from an ideal experience. It is a band-aid at best. Of-

tentimes foster children, especially those who were fostered later in life, become angry with their situation and act out. They often times become adjudicated delinquent juveniles. They have, in my opinion, become bitter about their situation because they understand that it is not normal. They have memories of their parents and do not understand why they cannot be with them. This is really no fault of the foster care system; it is merely an outcome of certain circumstances. Not all foster care placements turn out this way. I would have to say that the majority do not. Most foster parents find their work very rewarding. They come away with the feeling that they made a difference in the life of a child. It is not for everyone though.

May is National Foster Care Month. Our community, also with all of Baraga County, is always in need of foster parents. Hopefully, I have helped to explain to you why they are “looking for a few good people to become foster parents.”

~ submitted by Bradley T. Dakota, Chief Judge

DRUG CONVICTION REPORT



In a continuous effort to reduce the illegal use of controlled substances in our community, the Drug Task Force has requested the publication of pertinent information regarding any

convictions of the Controlled Substances section of the KBIC Tribal Code §3.1706. The Tribal Court has agreed to comply with the Drug Task Force’s request and will publish a Drug Conviction Report on a routine basis.

Dave Varline, case # 10-038, controlled substance (possession - marijuana) – 3rd offense

Sentenced on 04/06/2010 to:

- 1. \$1500 fine.
- 2. 12 - 24 months probation with a \$10 monthly probation fee. Probation is to run concurrent with other case #10-039.
- 3. 180 days jail, 150 days suspended and the Defendant is to serve 30 days jail, with credit for 17 days served. The Defendant will be responsible for the costs of any lodging. Jail time is to run concurrent with case #10-039.
- 4. The Defendant is to obtain a substance abuse screening and follow the recommendations of that screening until successfully completed.
- 5. The Defendant is to obtain a mental health assessment and follow the recommendations of that assessment until successfully completed.
- 6. The Defendant is subject to random drug and alcohol testing and will be responsible for the costs of those tests.
- 7. The Defendant is to report daily to the Probation Officer upon release from jail.
- 8. The Defendant may be released from jail to work with the Beartown Firefighters if he is called out on a fire.

Annette Emery, case # 10-016, controlled substance (possession - Hydrocodone) – 2nd offense

Sentenced on 04/13/2010 to:

- 1. \$1,000 fine.
- 2. Defendant is to be reassessed by her substance abuse counselor and is to comply with the recommendations of that screening/assessment until successfully discharged. Defendant is to sign a release of information with the provider for the probation officer to monitor compliance.
- 3. Defendant is to attend two AA, NA, or Smart Recovery meetings weekly and is to provide proof of attendance to the probation officer. Defendant is to attend for a period of two months, after which it will be the discretion of the probation officer when this requirement is lifted.
- 4. Defendant is to obtain a mental health as-

- 5. 90 days jail, 60 days suspended pending completion of all terms of probation, 30 days jail. Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs of tether/lodging and any expenses incurred while lodged.
- 6. 12-18 months of standard alcohol and drug restricted probation with a \$10 monthly fee. Defendant will be tested randomly for alcohol and drug use, and the Defendant will be financially responsible for the costs associated with drug and alcohol testing.
- 7. Defendant is banned from the Pressbox Lanes & Lounge and the Casino throughout her term of probation.

KBOCC Update continued:

the institution to be eligible for funding from the American Indian College Fund. To date, KBOCC has received operational funds to assist with accreditation, professional development, and student scholarships.

To be eligible for funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, KBOCC has to undergo a feasibility study from the Bureau of Indian Education office. The thirty page application was submitted to the BIE in January and a review visit is scheduled for April 27, 2010. Funding is anticipated for 2011 which is approximately \$5800 per Indian Student.

The Department of Education application process for Title IV funding has begun for participation in the Federal Student Financial Aid Program. It is anticipated that federal student aid will be available Fall 2010. This will expand scholarships for all students. KBOCC staff will be attending the mandatory training conducted by the Dept. of Education in Philadelphia at the end of May.

The next step is to seek Land Grant Status for the College. While in Washington D.C. recently, this request by Tribal Council resolution was made to initiate a senate bill adding Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College to the list of eligible institutions. Michigan representatives supported the request and language will be developed to sponsor the bill. KBOCC President Debbie Parrish met recently with Congressman Bart Stupak at the L’Anse Village Hall to discuss the matter.

Three students, Cynthia Knapp, Ethan Smith, and Raymond Cadreaus attended the annual AIHEC conference in Phoenix, Arizona, on March 20-23. Knapp received the Coca Cola Scholarship from the American Indian College Fund. Ryan Koski was nominated as this year’s Student of the Year and will receive a monetary award.

With a grant from the USDA Rural Development, KBOCC is setting up a woodshop at the Ojibwa Industrial Park. Training will be offered in basic woodshop, finished carpentry, cabinetry, and special projects. The 120 hour course will begin May 3, and will be held Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

~ submitted by Debbie Parrish



ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS: The following Committees/Boards have vacant seats:

Health Board – 1 seat

Cultural Committee – 3 seats

Application due date is May 14, 2010, 4:00 p.m.

Please submit an application (located in Peggy Minton or Janice Halverson’s office) by the due date to:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr. – President
16429 Beartown Rd.
Baraga, MI 49908

**Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
Natural Resources Department**

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Aquaculture Program Looking Forward and Back

With winter apparently gone, and spring coming early this year, planning efforts are ramping up for the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resource Department. While looking ahead, we also find ourselves looking back at past accomplishments of the Tribe's aquaculture programs, of which there are many.

Fish Health: Every year the Tribe's hatchery facility, located in Pequaming, receives a full disease screening by the Fish and Wildlife Service-LaCrosse Fish Health Center, and since inception in 1993, the facility has been certified as disease free. Quality fish health is critical to putting out a quality fish stock, and good fish health is a direct result of staff performance. The recent discovery of VHS virus in this area of Lake Superior has increased everyone's general awareness about the threat and potential impact of wildlife diseases, but disease and cleanliness are always concerns in a hatchery.



USFWS Staff work with KBIC in testing hatchery fish for disease on a regular basis.

Brook Trout: The brook trout strain reared at the Pequaming hatchery originates from brook trout populations in the Jumbo River system in the Ottawa National Forest. This Jumbo River brook trout is one of the few native Lake Superior basin brook trout strains being reared and stocked in the Lake Superior basin. Ottawa National Forest worked with the hatchery to develop this strain.

Brook trout brood stock are held in the hatchery in Pequaming, and spawning is completed each year to develop the following year's brook trout stock. Maintaining genetic integrity of the stock is important, and the brood stock are supplemented periodically with wild fish collected from within the Jumbo River system. Moving wild fish into a hatchery system creates some risk as disease or parasites can be brought into a hatchery with the wild fish. In 2009, instead of collecting wild fish, spawn was collected from spawning fish in the Jumbo River. Collected eggs were treated and hatched in the hatchery, and a portion of the resulting fish will be kept as brood stock. This was a unique venture, and the apparent success is a credit both to both the Tribe's Natural Resource Department staff and the Ottawa National Forest staff who assisted.

In 2009, about 29,000 Jumbo River brook trout were stocked into area rivers and streams including Dault's Creek, Denomie Creek, Fall's River, Menge Creek, Ontonagon River, Perch River, Ravine River, Silver River, Slate River, and the Upper Sturgeon. A portion of the surplus brood were stocked into Keweenaw Bay last July. Currently the tribe's hatchery is holding about 71,000 Jumbo River brook trout stock.

Coaster Brook Trout: Since 1999, the Tribe's Natural Resource Department has worked cooperatively with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to stock coaster brook trout in the local area. Each year, as part of a cooperative arrangement, the Fish and Wildlife Service stocks approximately 30,000 fingerling coasters into two local stream systems. Over the past several years, the Pequaming Hatchery has also been rearing coaster brook trout for stocking and has an annual target number of 6,000 six-inch coasters reared and stocked into area waters. The current stocking target locations include near-shore areas within Keweenaw Bay where suitable habitat for rehabilitation of coaster brook trout has been identified. Currently the tribe's hatchery is holding about 13,000 Siskiwit Bay strain coaster brook trout stock.

Lake Trout: Lake Trout have been a focus of the Tribe's aquaculture program since 1993. The current target is an annual production of 50,000-100,000 Lake Trout, about 6-inches in size, for stocking into Keweenaw Bay. Considering that Baraga County is the Lake Trout capital of Michigan the Tribe's Lake Trout program is obviously successful. The Lake Trout eggs for rearing are acquired each year from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Iron River National Fish Hatchery. In 2009, the Natural Resource Department staff also collected eggs from Lake Trout spawning around the Huron Islands, and the fish hatched from these eggs are currently being reared in the hatchery. Currently, the



Newly hatched brook trout fry (above left) and yearling brook trout (above right) at the KBIC Hatchery.



A typical Jumbo River brook trout brood stock held at the KBIC Hatchery.



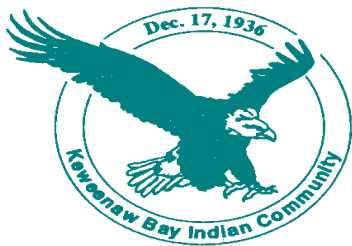
A very large lake trout captured in Keweenaw Bay that is fin-clipped, indicating it came from the KBIC Hatchery Program.

tribe's hatchery is holding about 103,000 Apostle Island and Huron Island strain Lake Trout stock.

Walleye; A long term goal of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community was to develop a Walleye rearing and stocking program. After a very long and occasionally frustrating planning process, the Tribe started construction of a Walleye rearing facility in 2007. Tony Burcar Construction was the prime contractor for the work, and the ponds were designed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Funding for the Walleye rearing ponds was provided by the KBIC Tribal Council, U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resource Conservation Service and Rural Develop offices, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Tribal Wildlife program. The facility construction was completed in 2008, and in 2009, the Tribe's Natural Resource Department began rearing Walleye in the two Walleye rearing ponds. The first year's Walleye stock were obtained as fry that were reared from spawning fish captured in the Back Bay area of Lake Superior, generously provided by the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority. Despite all the challenges with controlling oxygen levels, water quality, water levels, predators, and the seemingly hundreds of other details and concerns when pond rearing Walleye, Natural Resource Department staff managed to produce about 16,450 Walleye between 3-6 inches in size for stocking. The Walleye were then stocked into Keweenaw and Huron Bays to supplement existing Walleye populations. Production will begin again soon. It is estimated that the two ponds are probably capable of producing about 25,000 Walleye fingerlings in a good year, and the Natural Resource Department is looking forward to continued success.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Stocking Summary: According to Natural Resource Department staff, in 2010, they will pass the 1.5 million milestone for total Lake Trout stocked since the Lake Trout program started. Conservatively, since 1993, a total of well over 2.5 million fish (Lake Trout, Brook Trout, Coaster Brook Trout, and Walleye) have been stocked into western Upper Peninsula waters and Lake Superior by the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community.

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Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority

website: www.kboha.com

Mission: To provide affordable and attractive housing opportunities in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, encourage self-improvement of the community's low income families, and provide employment opportunities.

Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:

- Low income rental homes and apartments
 1. 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
 2. 50 Homes in Zeba
 3. 40 Homes in Marquette/Harvey;
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Bear Town Road;
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve members' financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve members' ability to maintain homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program – a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:

1. Down payment assistance for home purchase;
 2. College tuition and expenses for residents;
 3. Business expansion/start-up expenses.
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying Tribal members;
 - Low cost tax preparation program for residents and Tribal members;
 - Surplus FEMA mobile home program for Tribal members;
 - Stipend program covering mileage and child care expenses for residents attending college;
 - Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
 - Prescription subsidy program to reimburse Tribal elders and disabled households for prescriptions purchased;
 - Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
 - Ojibwa Builders Construction Company—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
 - Market rate rentals—five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negaunee- providing profits for housing programs;
 - Ojibwa BP, Car Wash and Laundry- providing Tribal employment, superior products and service, and profits for housing programs.

Our Deepest Sympathy

Matthew H. Whetung

July 5, 1923—March 20, 2010

Matthew H. Whetung, age 86, of Zeba, MI, passed away on Saturday, March 20, 2010, at Baraga County Memorial Hospital with family and friends at his side.

Matt was born on July 5, 1923, in Curve Lake, Ontario, Canada, a son of Joseph and Charlotte (Blaker) Whetung. He was raised in Zeba and lived there his entire life until the past two years when he resided at Bayside Village in L'Anse. Matt worked in the woods with his brother Ted until retiring in 1953.

Matt was a member of United Methodist Church in Zeba, KBIC, and Ojibwa Senior Citizens. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and taught many of his nieces and nephews how to hunt and fish. He loved doing puzzles and was a loyal fan of the Detroit Lions and Tigers, and all Michigan sports.

Surviving are his brother Amos Whetung of Marysville, WA, Albert (Elsie) Matthews of Athelstane, WI; sisters Myrtle Tolonen of Baraga, Elizabeth Matthews of Zeba; and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death are his parents; brothers: Glen Matthews, Theodore Whetung, Donald Whetung, and sister Sarah Shelifoe.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, March 24th at the Jacobson Funeral Home with Rev. John Henry officiating. The Jacobson Funeral Home in L'Anse assisted the family.

The KBIC Head Start and Early Head Start will begin accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year beginning March 1, 2010 thru June 25, 2010. Applications will be available at the KBIC Tribal Center, KBIC Health Clinic, and KBIC Head Start and & Early Head Start Center, or by calling 524-6626 and asking for Barb.

KBIC Aquaculture Program Looking Forward and Back continued:

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Walleye Rearing Operation



Layout of the KBIC Walleye Rearing Ponds (Top photo), and a product of KBIC Walleye rearing efforts in 2009, (Lower photo).

If you have any questions, or would like a tour of the Tribe's hatchery facility, you can call them at (906) 524-5757.

Article and pictures submitted by Todd Warner.



Photo by Larry Denomie.

Lyndon Ekdahl (right) presented Keweenaw Bay Indian Community with award plaques from the KB PeeWee B Hockey Team he coaches where they secured second place in the State Tournament recently held in Escanaba. KBIC financially assisted the team after they were undefeated in the playdowns held in Baraga, and then subsequently placed first in the U.P. Tournament held in L'Anse. Ekdahl, a KBIC member, coached unassisted throughout this season. His team includes three KBIC members, Isaac Ekdahl, Casey Chagnon, and Davan Ravindaran, and a number of descendants.

William "Gene" Emery, Vice President, (left) is pictured with Coach Ekdahl.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities



On Call positions:

- * Community Service Supervisor
- * Unit Manager
- * LPN
- * RN
- * Account Executive/Sales
- * Cashier
- * Receptionist/Clerical Worker
- * Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant
- * Youth Program & Facility Attendant

<http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm>

- * Clinical Social Worker — open until filled
- * Family Aide (on-call) — open continuously

For current job listings, complete job announcements, applications and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit: www.ojibwa.com.

**The Earth Shows Us the Way:
A Curriculum for the Modern World**

Twine from the bark of the basswood. A delicious snack from the stalk of a cattail. Red dye from the bloodroot. Lessons like these and others based on Ojibwe traditional ecological knowledge are found in “Kinomaage (The Earth Shows Us the Way),” a two-week intensive summer course offered by the Northern Michigan University Center for Native American Studies.

The course focuses on traditional Ojibwe usage of wild plants. Guided by the instructor, course participants follow their own research interests, sharing the information they find with the rest of the class during their field trips into the wilds of the north woods. NMU’s location, in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula and surrounded by the northern Great Lakes, national forests, waterfalls, and botanically rich wetlands, provides an excellent setting for these field trips and offers a prime experiential learning opportunity to those interested in traditional Indigenous ecological knowledge.

The term “kinomaage” is the Ojibwe term for “education.” However, it translates most literally as “the earth shows us the way.” Following that philosophy, the “Kinomaage” course not only provides a chance to learn traditional Ojibwe uses of wild plants but also offers lessons in ecology derived from the teachings of Ojibwe traditional ecological knowledge, knowledge that comes from millenia of living in the northern Great Lakes area. For example, traditional teachings in Ojibwe culture, such as taking only what you need from the land and being sure to give back, teach personal restraint and respect for the land. In addition, learning about other members of this northern community, such as animals and insects, helps “Kinomaage” participants develop a fuller understanding of the north’s ecology.

Environmental concerns impacting the north woods are also discussed, and a field trip is taken to observe industrialism’s impact on the region. In this way, the lessons in “Kinomaage” heighten environmental awareness and increase understanding of how we impact our environment and what it means to be a member of the community of the land.

Educators and others who work or live with children may find the course of particular value. Learning from the earth is an essential skill to pass on to the younger generations, and above all, “Kinomaage” is about coming to respect and appreciate Mother Earth and all our relations with whom we share this planet. Educators will find the course enriches their ongoing professional development by giving them a greater understanding of this traditional Indigenous cultural paradigm.

“Kinomaage” participants looking to find material for their own classrooms will be gratified to learn that youth who have participated in kinomaage-based youth programs through area camps have enjoyed learning about Ojibwe traditional ecological knowledge. Kinomaage-based activities in a K-12 curriculum, such as offering asemaa before entering the forest to show respect for those who call it home, help strengthen the cultural identification of Ojibwe children while fostering a respect for cultural diversity in students who are not Ojibwe.

The practical applications of plants, as taught in NMU’s “Kinomaage” course, also translate well into educational activities for children. Nibbling young spruce buds while tromping through the schoolyard, using plantain to soothe an insect bite, or observing seedpods from spotted-touch-me-not hurtling through the air introduces children to the wonders waiting outdoors.

While some people take the “Kinomaage” course to pick up knowledge to impart to the younger generations, all “Kinomaage” participants have the opportunity to enjoy the wilds of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, one of the

most unique geographical features on the North American continent. The peninsula offers a land rich in wilderness and the forest-based Ojibwe culture and provides students a classroom unparalleled in which to learn just how the earth can show us the way. In an era of escalating environmental crises, courses like “Kinomaage” are an antidote to the industrial way of life, offering generations-old ecological lessons for living in respectful relationship with the land.

More information on the “Kinomaage” course, including photos of past classes, can be found by visiting the NMU Center for Native American Studies website at www.nmu.edu/nativeamericans.

~ submitted by Aimée Cree Dunn

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SUMMER COLLEGE INTERN PROGRAM

The Tribal Council has approved funding for a Summer College Intern Program. Five students will be placed with Tribal departments for 14 weeks this summer, working 32 hours per week @ \$8.91 per hour. Students must be KBIC members, attending college full-time during the 2009-10 academic year and continuing during the 2010-11 academic year, must have a minimum GPA of 2.00 and must provide proof of GPA, full-time status and college major. If the number of students applying is greater than the number of positions available, the highest GPA’s will be used to determine placement.

To apply, please contact Hope Laramore at the Personnel Office at the Tribal Center. Her phone number is 353-6623, ext. 4176. The deadline to apply is May 7, 2010, at 4 p.m. Students could begin work as early as May 17. Applications will be accepted after May 7, if all positions are not filled.

If you have any questions regarding the Summer College Intern Program, please contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director, at 353-4117 or at amy@kbic-nsn.gov or Hope Laramore at the number above or at hope@kbic-nsn.gov

PROTECTING YOUR SKIN continued:

States. About 90 percent of non-melanoma skin cancers are associated with exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun. Up to 90 percent of the visible changes commonly attributed to aging are caused by the sun.

Sun protection information is provided by many agencies and foundations; such as the National Weather Service, Environmental Working Group, and The Skin Cancer Foundation. Safety tips include: seeking shade as much as possible mid-day and using protective wear while in the sun (sun protection clothing, sunglasses, hats, and sunscreen).

Sunscreens when applied to skin help prevent ultraviolet radiation from reaching the skin. Sunscreens give a SPF (Sun Protection Factor), a guideline on how long the product will protect you from UVB rays which cause sunburn. If it takes ten minutes for your skin to redden in the sun a SPF 15 sunscreen will give protection for 15 times longer (150 minutes) depending on intensity of rays and sweating/water exposure. The American Cancer Society recommends at least a SPF 15 (blocks around 93 percent of UVB rays), the Environmental Working Group suggest a SPF 30 (blocks around 97 percent of UVB rays) or

higher is best if in the sun for extended time. SPF 50 blocks approximately 98 percent of UVB rays. SPF doesn’t indicate UVA blockage. UVA rays penetrate deeper into the skin and are associated with premature aging of skin (wrinkling, leathery) and seen more and more as a cause of skin cancer. Therefore, it is important to check the broad spectrum protection offered by the sunscreen.

The Environmental Working Group (EWG) has a sunscreen guide, <http://www.ewg.org/cosmetics/report/sunscreen09> which ranks many sunscreens from best to worse. They found zinc oxide or titanium dioxide lotions to provide good broad spectrum protection as “physical blockers” since they reflect and scatter UV rays. However, they recognize not everyone likes the feel of mineral sunscreens or the residue it leaves and they have suggestions for non-mineral sunscreens. They caution consumers on oxybenzone (high absorption thru skin, high rates of allergic reactions, and growing concerns about hormone disruption) and fragrance. The American Cancer Society recommends applying one ounce at least 30 minutes before going into the sun, and at least every two hours (more if sweating or swimming) after going into the sun.

The EWG and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) do not recommend using a combined sunscreen and insect repellent. General recommendations are that sunscreen is applied frequently and insect repellent is applied only as needed (insects start biting again). The CDC recommends applying sunscreen first, followed by repellent. The CDC recommends the use of products containing active ingredients which have been registered with the U.S. EPA for use as repellents applied to skin and clothing, and the use of insect repellents in areas with insect borne diseases such as lyme disease, west nile disease, and encephalitis.

Based on its review EPA has determined that DEET, if used as directed, will not pose significant health risks to consumers. Safe use of product includes using just enough to cover exposed skin and/or clothing, not using on cuts, and washing skin when back indoors. All DEET-based repellents work the same, the difference is in how long they keep insects away. It’s best to select one based on how long you will be outside. Low concentration (7-10%) lasts around 90 minutes, and high (100%) lasts 10-12 hours. For tick protection you need at least a 20% concentration. A product with an EPA registered number on the label has been evaluated for safety.

An alternative to using DEET is to use essential plant based oil repellents. Oil of lemon eucalyptus is one which is registered with EPA and has performed well in testing. Oil of citronella, has been used since 1948, and shown to have little or no toxicity for humans, wildlife, and environment. Exposure limitation is another way to cut back on the use of pesticides. Generally, the peak insect biting periods occur around sunset and dawn; shaded and wooded areas tend to have higher numbers of biting insects.

<http://www.sunprotection.net/>
<http://www.skincancer.org/>
<http://www.ewg.org/cosmetics/report/sunscreen09>
<http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/factsheets/chemicals/deet.htm>
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~ submitted by Evelyn Ravindran



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You can help our children and families in crisis...

- Become a foster parent.
- Become licensed to provide short-term ("respite") child care for a day or weekend for other foster parents.
- Say thank you and support those families who are foster parents or kinship/relative caregivers.
- Volunteer for youth activities, after-school programs, tutoring, mentoring, etc.
- Donate money or goods, such as car seats, toys and games, sleeping bags and pillows, luggage, musical instruments, books or a computer.

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KBIC TRIBAL COUNCIL SHOW SUPPORT TO MIGI ZII WA SIN (EAGLE ROCK) PROTESTORS



Pictured in front of Migi zii wa sin, are protestors from numerous tribes with the KBIC Tribal Council following a Council meeting held at Eagle Rock on May 8, 2010. Left to right, (front row) - Travis Green, Levi Tadgerson, Charlotte Loonsfoot, Council member Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Glenn Bressette, Jr., Jen Engstrom, Myrna Johnson, (center row) - Georgenia Earring, Gretchen Emery, Vice President William (Gene) Emery, Council member Elizabeth (Popcorn) Mayo, Council Secretary Susan J. LaFernier, Council member Isabelle Welsh, Council member Toni Minton, Council's Recording Secretary Peggy Minton, KBIC Conservation Officer Anthony Loonsfoot, (back row) Council member Frederick Dakota, President Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., Council member Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., and Council member Michael LaFernier, Sr. Photo compliments of Greg Peterson.

Determined members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community have been joined by fellow Native Americans from neighboring communities in a peaceful protest being held at Migi zii wa sin (Eagle Rock) in the Yellow Dog Plains region where Kennecott Eagle Mine has begun drilling for a sulfide mine. The protest began in late April, and protestors state they are there to stay "for as long as it takes."

Levi Tadgerson, a Bay Mills Indian Community member said, "We are defending the water; we are defending our treaty rights and our right to practice our culture. We're defending our right to live a healthy life and have our kids live a healthy life."

The Tribal Council visited Migi zii wa sin and the protestors as they reconvened their monthly Council meeting at the site. President Swartz began with, "What we are doing here today is trying to save Mother Earth. Mother Earth is crying for our help, and we are here today to try to support her and try to save the fish, the swimmers, the crawlers, the flyers and the four-legged. I am real honored to be here and why we are here today is really important. Our brothers and sisters are making us aware that the Kennecott Mine has begun to mine at Migi zii wa sin. This sulfide mine process is going to have some detrimental effects to the environment, not only to our ground water but to the streams that are nearby, and we all know that those streams feed into Lake Superior, and Lake Superior is the largest and freshest body of water in the world."

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and numerous environmental groups are concerned with the damage the sulfide mine will do to our water and land. In addition, Migi zii wa sin has been a site of Native American ceremonies for centuries. These groups have spent a tremendous amount of dollars in legal fights and continue to do so against the Kennecott Eagle Mine Company.

In his address at the Council meeting held at Migi zii wa sin, Council member Frederick Dakota stated, "We have spent \$4,380,000, which was a report on a paper I received last week. Everyone in the judicial system is smiling. This Rio Tinto is a foreign corporation. They have come over here, and they are very close to the boundaries of our reservation. It is certainly going to be doing something to us in terms of fish in Lake Superior and the deer on this land. Those are things our forefathers gave to us. Life at that time was pretty simple, and they were very smart people, but they knew the simple ways. That was to have shelter, keep warm, and have something to eat. Things have changed a lot. I don't know how we are going to take care of these problems that we have here. I do know that our Tribe is trying very hard and spending a lot of money to try to keep these people out of here. I don't know how much longer we are going to be able to hold up or how much money we are going to spend. Is there some other way that we can overcome this problem? The main thing is you have to make certain that nobody gets hurt out here...nobody. Be very careful. How

Tribal Council Members:

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President
William E. Emery, Vice-President
Susan J. LaFernier, Secretary
Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Asst. Secretary
Eddy Edwards, Treasurer
Toni Minton
Elizabeth D. Mayo
Michael F. LaFernier, Sr.
Jerry Lee Curtis
Frederick Dakota
Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr.
Isabelle H. Welsh



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Council visits Migi Zii Wa Sin
- May 8, 2010 Tribal Council meeting
- KBOCC Honors Ceremony and Commencement
- KB Head Start Graduation
- WHIPP Skin Awareness Walk
- KBIC Holds Foster Home Recruitment Dinner
- DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner for June
- 2nd Annual KBIC Environmental Fair Held
- 2010 KBIC Spring Cleanup begins
- New Employees



Newsletter photo.

Levi Tadgerson, an anishinaabe man, said, "We are here to stay. We're here to learn our culture, our language. A lot of us would like to regain our culture and some of the things that were taken away from us. Come on out, and check it out. Everyone is more than welcome. Anybody, any race, any religion, we'd be glad to have you. We are very appreciative of the Tribal Council coming out today."

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MAY 8, 2010 —
TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Tribal Council held their regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting on May 8, 2010, at the Tribal Center Conference Room. Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., presided over the meeting with William E. Emery, Susan J. LaFerner, Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Eddy Edwards, Fred Dakota, Michael F. LaFerner, Sr., Gary F. Loonsfoot, Sr., Elizabeth D. Mayo, Toni Minton, and Isabelle Helene Welsh present. President Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr. shared numerous *Thank You* and *For Your Information* items addressed to Council. Reports were given for April 2010, by President Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr. (page two), Secretary Susan J. LaFerner (page three), and CEO Larry Denomie III (page four). Council passed the Department Head Reports for March 2010.

Michael LaFerner, Sr., sought permission to repair a Terex Fork Lift the Tribe purchased some time back and with which they are having quite a bit of problems with now, but it is a good machine. It needs a power steering pump and some transmission work needs to be corrected before someone gets injured. Mr. LaFerner talked with workers at Terex and has located an individual who can repair the machine for a maximum amount of \$5500. **Motion by Frederick Dakota to authorize the Tribal Construction manager to spend up to \$5500 to fix the Terex Fork lift, supported by Eddy Edwards, ten supported, 0 opposed, 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**

At the conclusion of the CEO report, discussion on the current health care building renovation project resulted in a motion. **Motion by Elizabeth D. Mayo to appoint Bruce LaPointe as the Project Manager of the Donald A. LaPointe Center renovation, supported by Eddy Edwards, nine supported (Emery, S. LaFerner, Matthews, Edwards, Dakota, M. LaFerner, Loonsfoot, Mayo, Welsh), one opposed (Minton), 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.**

Eddy Edwards was on the agenda with the donation requests for the month. **Motion by Susan J. LaFerner to table all donations until a policy can be developed, supported by Toni Minton, nine supported (Emery, S. LaFerner, Matthews, Edwards, Dakota, M. LaFerner, Loonsfoot, Minton, Welsh), one opposed (Mayo), 0 abstained, one absent (Curtis), motion carried.** Consensus of the Council was to meet on Thursday, May 13, 2010, for a work session to develop a donation policy.

Council moved into closed session with KBIC Tribal members with Marquette 2% requests on the agenda. Following closed session, Council reconvened at Migi zii wa sin (Eagle Rock). See Eagle Rock article page one.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
PRESS RELEASE—MAY 5, 2010

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Will
Seek Permanent Access to Eagle Rock For
Tribal Members

Warren C. Swartz, Jr., President of the Tribal Council, issued the following statement today:

"I am announcing today that the Community has agreed to meet with Kennecott to discuss permanent access to our scared place migi zii wa sin (Eagle Rock) which is located within the proposed Eagle Mine site, without, however, waiving any rights the Community or its members have in connection with contesting the construction and operation of Kennecott's proposed mine."

APRIL 2010 PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

The following is a list of activities that occurred in the office of the President for the months of March and April 2010.

- The Recodification of the Tribal Code Book is being reviewed by Yvette Friisvall.
- Decisions were made on the renewal rates of Blue Cross and Blue Shield with an additional insurance card that is complimentary to the Blue Cross and Blue Shield card. The decision was made to help deter the rising costs of health insurance.
- I attended an Inter-Tribal Council (ITC) meeting in Sault Ste. Marie. We discussed the community's request regarding additional funding from ITC for our HeadStart/Early HeadStart program. The board of directors heard our request and decided to support the community's resolution of the relinquishment of their services, allowing the KBIC to operate its own tribally run high quality and inclusive program to meet the educational, health, and social needs of our children and their families.
- I met with Custom Chassis, Inc. officials Matt Tipple and Mike Huhn. They are looking for companies that can assist them with the manufacture of parts and distribution for their Power Platform Truck. The Council decided not to pursue this business venture.
- The Council met with Lance Morgan, CEO of Ho-Chunk, Inc. Lance is a Harvard educated lawyer who has helped many Tribes form business development corporations, enact business codes, and understand issues revolving gas distribution and taxes, and cigarette taxes. Oweesta paid for Mr. Morgan's traveling expenses, and we requested Lance to address topics including the evolution of Ho-Chunk, Inc., the best structure for KBIC to pursue business opportunities and creating 8(A) companies. Lance wants to meet with Council preferably on a Monday in the near future.
- Early in the month, I informed Congress of our concerns relating to the PACT Act. The ACT empowers state governments to enforce federal law. It also forces tribes to report their Tribal tobacco sales to the states which is a direct infringement on sovereignty and treaty rights. In addition, we have significant economic concerns. Most notably it will destroy our economy by eradicating jobs, as well as Tribal revenues that support Tribal members. Unfortunately the PACT Act passed without the Senate even taking a vote. The U.S. Constitution has what is called the Indian Commerce Clause. This basically says that Congress has the power to regulate commerce with the Indian tribes. I also wrote a letter to President Obama, on behalf of our members, requesting that he seriously consider a Veto to the PACT Act bill, given the importance of tobacco sales to our Tribal economies. Unfortunately again, the President signed the bill.
- The Council decided to construct a greenhouse at the hatchery site in L'Anse.
- I signed a letter of support for the next enhancement grant from IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services). This grant will be specific to KBIC's Early Head Start and Head Start in the following ways: introducing the children to how a library functions; introduce children to books by reading to them, 0-3 year olds will participate in "lap sit" where an adult will look at a book with the child, purchase books for all classrooms, and encourage parents to bring their children to the library where with every visit they will earn "library bucks."
- GLIFWC informed the Community that LVD is submitting a letter to the State of

Michigan on behalf of LVD and other Wisconsin bands regarding Tribal walleye harvest guidelines, coordinated declaration on border lakes, the use of gillnets and stream segment harvest in the portion of the 1842 ceded territory hat has been declared for harvest by the LVD Band.

- The Community has filed a lawsuit hoping to overturn a state permit for a nickel and copper mine. We're saying the project does not meet legal requirements for protecting the environment. In addition, we've said Kennecott Eagle Minerals Co.'s application didn't prove the project would avoid damaging rivers, groundwater and other natural resources in the Yellow Dog Plains region of Marquette County.
- I received a press release from the White House informing the Community that the President signed into law the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the health insurance reform bill passed by Congress. In addition to reducing our deficit, the President goes on to say making health care affordable for tens of millions of Americans, and enacting some of the toughest insurance reforms in history, this bill also permanently reauthorizes the Indian Health Care Improvement Act, which was first approved by Congress in 1976. As a Senator, President Obama co-sponsored this Act back in 2007, because he believed it is unacceptable that Native American communities still face gaping health care disparities. Congress' responsibility to provide health services to American Indians and Alaska Natives derives from the nation-to-nation relationship between the federal and Tribal governments. By signing the bill, they have taken a critical step in fulfilling that responsibility by modernizing the Indian health care system and improving access to health care for American Indians and Alaska Natives.
- This year the Council allowed its Tribal members to spear Portage Lake. Overall the fishing went well. Most of the fishermen were pleased that they were allowed to exercise their treaty rights in the manner they did.
- I wrote a thank you letter to express our appreciation to Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez for the heating assistance that we have received from Citizens Energy and CITGO Petroleum over the past year and to request that he continue the program.
- I wrote a letter to the administrator of EPA Region 5 requesting government to government consultation regarding the Eagle Mine Project in Marquette County. I told her of the Community's objection to Kennecott's withdrawal of its application for an Underground Injection Control permit for its Treated Water Infiltration System (TWIS), which will inject over 500,000 gallons of partially treated mine waste water into the local ground water. Region 5's decision on whether or not to require Kennecott to obtain a UIC permit is very critical to the Community's efforts to protect, not only the ground water in the ceded territory, but also to prevent the destruction and desecration of our sacred place known as Migi zii wa sin (Eagle Rock) which will occur as a consequence of the construction and operation of the proposed mine. This meeting will occur next Friday, May 14, 2010.

This concludes my report for the month.

Respectfully submitted,
Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., President

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2010.

Activities reported by the Secretary, Susan J. LaFernier, for the month of April 2010.

We all need to commit to do our part to protect our environment and change the world. I hope that you have been learning how to save and conserve energy to protect our Earth if you are able. I continue to emphasize that every month is "Energy Awareness Month," and our theme for the year is "Commit to Conserve." There are simple everyday conservation measures we can all easily commit to. There are also everyday measures we can do to reduce air pollution, conserve water, reduce/reuse/recycle/re-buy materials, and prevent pollution in general. Once again, October was Energy Awareness Month! This year's theme, "A Sustainable Energy Future—Putting All the Pieces Together" encourages you to see yourself as a piece of a large puzzle, fitting into the big picture, shaping our energy future, and moving our nation toward energy independence. All of this information is available on the EPA.gov and energy.gov websites.

Thank you to everyone who cares and protects our earth and water every day. It is our responsibility: Tribes, residents, municipalities, businesses, and visitors need to protect and restore the quality of Lake Superior's (and all of our lakes) waters, land, and wildlife. The lakes have always been and always will be important to the quality of our life.

Thank you to all who have continued to commit to our Adopt-A-Road program. The designated routes from last year have been cleaned and we also have more volunteers this year. Handouts are given out to volunteers on "How to Clean Up a Roadside Safely." On April 7, I met with Scott Swanson from the Baraga County Road Commission regarding the locations for the new blue Adopt-A-Road signs in Baraga, L'Anse, and Zeba (photos will be taken). Litter gets blown, it gets thrown, and it gets dumped. PLEASE DON'T LITTER—PICK UP LITTER AND REPORT LITTERING.

We have been working on the completion of the comprehensive plan, the updated personnel policies, and other policy concerns.

We continue to have monthly meetings with our employee W.H.I.P.P. (Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program) Task Force, volunteers and our Blue Cross representative/Employee Benefits Agency. The members of the task force developed a mission statement that reads: "The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program (W.H.I.P.P.) is dedicated to improving and maintaining the general health and well being of our employees, dependents, and community members. Our goal is to provide information, activities, motivation, services, and recognition to enhance the ability of people to better manage their own health, improve their quality of life, and reduce their risk of disease and injury. Positive lifestyle choices develop a culture that is focused on celebrating and improving the quality of life for all. It is never too late to encourage positive lifestyle changes that will help us live longer, healthier, happier lives. On April 29th, the Task Force and volunteers sponsored an "Employee Skin Cancer Awareness Walk" at the KBOCC parking lot as April was Cancer Awareness Month. Employees were given additional time at lunch to attend (including the Casinos). There is still time to submit a nutritious recipe to Barb Mayo at the Baraga Casino for the "Employee Nutritious Recipe Cookbook." Thank you to everyone who prepared, setup, and helped at the walk. Sunscreen and information was handed out and there were prize drawings. Many employees wore their favorite crazy hat. I wore my Easter bonnet. There is currently an employee "Walk Your Way to Wellness" walking challenge taking place from May 2—August 7, 2010, with

prizes being awarded during each of the five segments, and there will be two grand prize winners. Be watching for special events/healthful information every month.

On April 28, Chris, Fred, and I attended the Ojibwa Community College's BIA Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) Exit Interview Review Team visit. The college received a favorable review, and they were presented many suggestions on possible funding and other changes that need to be made for accreditation.

On March 11 and 12, KBIC, Huron Mountain Club, National Wildlife Federation, and the Yellow Dog Watershed Environmental Preserve, Inc. filed "Petitions for Review of Final Determination and Order of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality Concerning Part 31 Groundwater Discharge Permit No. GW1810162 and Part 632 Nonferrous metallic Mineral Mining No. MP01 2007 in the Circuit Court for the County of Washtenaw in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The oral argument date has changed from May 26, to June 2, 2010.

The MIDNRE received a request from the Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company to modify the groundwater discharge permit for the infiltration design for the Eagle Rock Mine project that is related to the UIC (underground injection control) permit that requires approval by the EPA. Kennecott then announced that they no longer needed the permit from EPA. KBIC has submitted a letter to EPA officials explaining our concern and the numerous reasons why this modification would still require Kennecott to acquire a UIC permit. As of this time, we have not heard a response from the EPA on the permit requirement. There also should be a decision/response soon on the proposed Woodland Road permit from the MDNRE.

On April 21, I attended a panel discussion at Northern Michigan University on the Eagle Mine Project and the DVD "Mining Madness, Water Wars: The Great Lakes in the Balance" with Yale and NMU students which Jessica Koski scheduled. Miigwech and our appreciation to all of our brave and courageous members and friends who have been and are taking care of Migi zii wa sin during the past few weeks and to Jessica Koski for attending the Rio Tinto Shareholders meeting in London in April. Also please see the press release that was issued on May 5, from the Office of the President of KBIC.

Please continue to call/write your elected officials and Governor and tell them that the short term benefits are not worth the harmful long term effects on our health, rivers, Great Lakes, wood and wild places because of the great potential for acid mine drainage. Please call me or write if you would like to review the National Wildlife Federation's DVD "Mining Madness, Water Wars: The Great Lakes in the Balance."

Remember to continue to pray for and honor all of our special mothers and women in our lives on Mother's Day—May 9th. Also remember all of our veterans, service men and women, and their families, especially on May 31st—Memorial Day. Be watching for the annual Memorial Day Services at the Pinery with a potluck picnic feast to follow. Be watching for information (signs at the Pinery) on how you can help with identifying old and forgotten graves, or please call me with information. There will be many landscape changes at the Pinery because of last year's fire, and please be helpful by abiding with directions to protect this sacred place. Only certain areas will be cleaned this year to help slow the erosion.

Our congratulations to all of our high school and college graduates! Also remember those who are ill, have lost loved ones in the last year, and our economy struggles. Let us be thankful for our beautiful area, and we pray for peace in the world, good health, and happi-

ness.

We also continue to recognize the richness of Native American contributions, accomplishments, and sacrifices to the political, cultural, and economic life of Michigan and the United States. Remember "Indian Country Counts—Our People, Our Nations, Our Future!"

Remember the Drug Tip Line number is 353-DRUG or 353-3784. The yellow banners are around the reservation with this drug tip line number displayed. Mission statement: "To promote education through public awareness with the specific objective to eliminate the use of illegal drugs for the betterment of the health, welfare, and safety of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and our neighboring Communities."

During April 2010, the Tribal Council had one Regular Tribal Council Meeting on April 10, 2010. This meeting is covered in the May 2010 Newsletter. Tribal Council held six Special Council Meetings. Following are motions from April.


At the council meeting held April 1, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of November 5, 6, 7, and 12, 2009;
- Approved a new business license for John E. Varline for JJ Pawn Shop;
- Approved Resolution KB 1742-2010 and the Adoption Agreement for the 401-K Plan and waived the approval of the minutes;
- Approved purchasing Smart phones/Service for the Tribal Court judges;
- Approved an amendment to the Government and Enterprises Personnel policies regarding a signed doctor's statement for excessive sick leave;
- Approved a \$1,000 donation to Lois Bogda regarding her son's terminal illness;
- Approved to interview six candidates for the Baraga Casino General Manager and pay for their flight or mileage and a one night stay;
- The Council found that special circumstances exist which warranted an exception for the regulations to initiate the proposed plan for a special walleye spearing harvest in Portage Lake for 2010, at a 6% harvest of walleye and designated a landing site at Portage Lake;
- Approved the Tribal Environmental Agreement between KBIC and EPA's Region 5;
- Approved tabling two requests for merit increases until the CEO develops a policy within 60 days;
- Approved the Professional Services Agreement between KBIC (ANA Grant Project) and Janet Marr to provide plant specialist assistance;
- Approved the First Amendment to Services Agreement between KBIC and Justin Marzke.

At the council meeting held April 15, 2010, the following actions were taken:

- Approved the meeting minutes of November 13, and 19, December 3, and 5, 2009;
- Approved the payment of New Day's past due UPPCO bill for \$8011.55 because of a defective meter;
- Approved the request from the Baraga County Community Foundation to use Tribal roads for the July 10th annual (Denise Marth) memorial benefit fundraising event;
- Approved a donation request for a kitchen stove for Debbie Williams to be purchased from Ojibwa Building Supply and pay the difference after the emergency fund not to exceed \$500;
- Approved a donation request for \$250

<p>worth of gift cards as door prizes for the Veterans/Seniors presentation on prescription costs/diabetic supplies;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved a donation request for \$921 for rooms for the Seniors to attend the MIEA Spring Conference; • Approved the Agreement (for products and services) between KBIC and Ceridian Corporation (for employee assistance program services) effective April 15; • Approved (after a tie vote) to offer the position of Executive Director Gaming Commission to Dale Shalfoe at a Grade 10. <p>At the council meeting held April 16, 2010, the following actions were taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved Cheryne Clements as an applicant for the KBOCC Board of Regents; • Approved the Agreement between KBIC and Integrated Designs, Inc. (IDI) from Marquette for the architectural and engineering services to design the Early Childhood Education Center Project to be located on the east end of the KBOCC parking lot. <p>At the council meeting held April 22, 2010, the following actions were taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved a donation of up to \$250 in gift cards for the Kid's Bowling Tournament at the Whirl-i-gig; • Approved Resolution KB 1744-2010 Residential Lease for Jody Joki; • Approved Resolution KB 1745-2010 Residential Lease for Brenda McKittrick; • Approved Resolution KB 1746-2010 Residential Lease for Kim Knapp; • Approved Resolution KB 1747-2010 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan for 2010-2013; • Approved a donation to Cheryl Bogda for 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$500 for travel expenses to Milwaukee to visit her terminally ill brother; • Approved the First Amendment to Services Agreement with Stephanie Pinnow; • Approved the Services Agreement with Yvette Friisvall for the proof-reading of the recodification draft of the KBIC Code; <p><u>Gaming Commission</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved Action #032-2010 KB-05-10 Class I Social Gaming License for the Baraga American Legion Post 444 in Baraga, Michigan, and waived the license fee. <p>At the council meeting held April 23, 2010, the following actions were taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved to postpone the May 1, Regular Saturday Council meeting to May 8, and to meet at Migi zii wa sin (Eagle Rock); • Council met in closed session with John Baker and Chuck Brumleve. <p>At the council meeting held April 29, 2010, the following actions were taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved a motion to reconsider the May 8th Tribal Council meeting to be held at Eagle Rock. The business of the meeting will be heard at the Tribal Center at 9:00 a.m. on that Saturday, then the Council will reconvene at Eagle Rock; • Approved a motion to write a letter to Amanda Bloxten regarding supportive services that are available if she moves back to the reservation, to be signed by the President; • Approved the bid from Lake Ruth Marine for a boat and trailer for the Tribal Police/Conservation Department pending the review of the grant requirement/procurement policy and President approval; • Approved to waive the first reading of the 	<p>Title 16 Motor Vehicle Code amendment 2010-04;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved a donation of \$200 to Barbara Mantila for travel expenses for a medical appointment; • Approved the reimbursement of \$136 for a bus ticket and approved a travel advance to Hope Dakota for travel to South Dakota to pick up her daughter; • Approved \$250 for Rebecca Rasanen's physic's class trip to Chicago; • Approved \$265.78 co-pay for Cody Blue's surgery; • Approved the bid from Ojibwa Builders for the partial removal/replacement of the roof at the Tribal Police Department (former Tire Shop); • Government Grievance #002-10, approved that both employees will be supervised by the CEO's office and required both employees to attend EAP; • Approved the Amendment to Special Counsel Contract between KBIC and Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP; <p><u>Gaming Commission:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved Action #029-2010 (6) new employee gaming licenses; • Approved Action #020-2010 (1) Employee Gaming License Transfer (Marquette); • Approved Action #031-2010 Renewal of Gaming manufacturer/distributor license for Aristocrat Technologies, Inc.; • Approved Action #033-2010 that there was a WICS violation and concurs with management requiring a five-day suspension. <p>Respectfully submitted, Susan J. LaFerner, Secretary</p>
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<p>CEO REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL 2010.</p> <p>The new Early Childhood facility location has changed slightly. The initial plans had the new facility connected onto the community center on the west side. Council has determined that the best location for the new facility would be on the east side just off of the existing parking lot of the community center. Staff has revised plans, and it is estimated that construction will begin in July of this year with an anticipated completion date of January 2011.</p> <p>On April 27, President Swartz and Sarah Smith, Assistant CEO, met with the Inter-Tribal Council of MI Board. The board is comprised of leaders of the consortiums' participating Tribes. Discussion of the transitioning of the Head Start and Early Head Start Programs to KBIC from ITC resulted in new and conflicting information related to the grantee process. The new information now provides a third view relating to the process. After further discussing the matter with Council, the CEO's office will request from the Office of Head Start a written process for which we should follow.</p> <p>The Casino Task Force met and discussed options for the development of a comprehensive plan. Initial consultations and proposals will be sought to aid the task force in the development.</p> <p>The WHIPP Task Force held a Skin Cancer Awareness event which was in conjunction with National Cancer Awareness Month. Participants were asked to wear hats to the event which included walking, a healthy snack, skin cancer awareness information, and prize drawings. The event also promoted and called for participants to sign up for the Walk Your Way to Wellness Challenge. The event will run from May to August and participants were given pedometers and a log book to keep track of their steps. Throughout the challenge, gifts for participating, segment goal prize drawings and prizes for meeting the entire challenge goal will be awarded. The event has over 200 employees participating and this list</p>	<p>is still growing.</p> <p>The Second Annual Natural Resources Department Environmental Fair was held on April 22, which is National Earth Day, and took place at the community center. The NRD staff is commended for their efforts in organizing and putting on the annual event.</p> <p>Meetings to roll out the new health care plans took place the week of April 26. Bonnie Nelson of Employee Benefits provided detailed information on the changes including the need to carry and present an additional health care card when utilizing covered services.</p> <p>The new equipment purchase approved by Council for the Pines Convenience Center is being installed in early May. The business was temporarily closed while new cash register equipment was installed. New fueling dispensers have been installed with limited interruption to customers. The final installation will include graphic and marketing software to operate the monitors located on the gasoline dispensers of which a date has not yet been set. The new equipment places the credit card transactions in PCI compliance well in advance of the required July 2010 deadline.</p> <p>With the end of the school year drawing near, the Summer Youth Work Program planning is underway. Jodene Rasanen will serve as this year's Coordinator and will begin working the week of May 10, in a limited capacity until the school year ends. The Summer Youth Supervisors positions are posted for interested individuals to apply and will also be hired during the month of May. Applications for the youth to apply will be available mid-May.</p> <p>As always, if anyone has questions, concerns, or issues that the CEO's office can assist with, please don't hesitate to stop, e-mail, or call.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted, Larry J. Denomie, III, CEO</p>	<p>2010 KBIC FORESTRY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE</p> <p>The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2010 KBIC Forestry Scholarship applications. The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has a vital interest in the preservation of the land and forests on and near the reservation. The Tribal Council has approved two scholarships for college students pursuing Forestry degrees. The scholarship amount is \$2,500 twice a year for up to four years. Applicants must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrolled Tribal member • Resident of Michigan, Wisconsin or Minnesota • Attending an accredited college/university in Michigan, Wisconsin, or Minnesota • Enrolled as a full-time student • Pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Forestry documented by their college <p>Eligible students must complete an application, submit an essay detailing their interest in their chosen field and submit a copy of their official transcripts (high school or college).</p> <p>For more information and to request an application, contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117, or at amy@KBIC-nsn.gov. The application deadline is August 2, 2010, at 4 p.m.</p>  <p>The KBIC Head Start and Early Head Start will begin accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year beginning March 1, 2010 thru June 25, 2010. Applications will be available at the KBIC Tribal Center, KBIC Health Clinic, and KBIC Head Start and & Early Head Start Center, or by calling 524-6626 and asking for Barb.</p>
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Press Release—Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Will Seek Permanent Access to Eagle Rock For Tribal Members continued:

Recently, Kennecott has announced that it intends to commence ground preparation activities at the Eagle Mine site, including fencing the perimeter of the site, even though the mining permits are still in litigation. This activity would deny our members their ability to engage in their traditional cultural practices at migi zii wa sin – denying our members their right to practice their religious heritage at migi zii wa sin.

The Tribal Council, after reviewing the current issues associated with the sulfide copper and nickel mine that Kennecott Mining Company has proposed to construct on the Yellow Dog Plains, has reaffirmed the Community's opposition to the mine in light of substantial risk of negative environmental impacts of the mine on Tribal members and future generations and Kennecott's proposed desecration of migi zii wa sin – a place that is sacred to members of the Community.

Since 2004, the Community has expressed significant concern regarding the adverse environmental impacts that the mining of sulfide minerals will have on the environment and the health and welfare of Tribal members for the next seven generations.

In order to address these concerns, the Community and other concerned parties – the National Wildlife Federation, the Huron Mountain Club and Yellow Dog Watershed Preserve – have engaged numerous recognized environmental and mining experts to conduct an extensive review of the Kennecott mining plans. These experts found major technical deficiencies in Kennecott mining plans - deficiencies that could lead to major and long-term environmental degradation of an important portion of the Community's ceded territory, including potential contamination of surface water, ground water, and the waters of Lake Superior, mine subsidence, and acid mine drainage which will result in severe and lasting adverse impacts to plant and animal life in the ceded territory where the tribe has reserved treaty rights to hunt, fish and gather.

In addition, an assessment by the Community's Tribal Historic Preservation Office has concluded that migi zii wa sin is a place that has been sacred to the members of the Community and their ancestors for hundreds, if not thousands, of years and that Kennecott's proposed mine construction, and operation will desecrate and, perhaps, even destroy this sacred place which is eligible for listing on the National Historic Register as a traditional cultural property of the Community.

Accordingly, the Community and its co-petitioners have filed legal actions contesting the adverse impacts that the Kennecott mine will have on the environment and, especially, on migi zii wa sin. This litigation is now in the Michigan Circuit Court which will conduct an independent review of the adverse impacts the mine will have on the environment and on our sacred place - migi zii wa sin. We will be asking the Circuit Court to reverse and set aside the permits which the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment granted to Kennecott for the mine."

WHIPP WALKING CHALLENGE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to Nancy Kauppila, a Baraga Casino Bar employee and Mary Linden, Public Health Nurse at the LaPointe Health Center who were selected as the WHIPP Walking Challenge segment one winners. They each will receive a one year gym membership. Way to go girls!

Keep up the good work everyone, segment two drawings are just around the corner.

KBIC FORESTRY SCHOLAR EXCELS IN HIS FIRST YEAR



Science to pursue a bachelorette degree in Forestry.

Jondreau will be assisting a master's student with his research this summer and will be participating in a program through the National Science Foundation known as Research Experience for Undergraduates. Jondreau states, "I will be conducting my own research and will intern with Bureau of Indian Affairs Forester, Dave Osmak. I will also be fighting wildfires with the Beartown Firefighters." Jondreau's research will involve measuring the respiration rate of tree roots in five different cover types; Eastern Hemlock, Northern Red Oak, Jack Pine, Aspen and Red Pine. He will be sampling the soil and extracting the tree roots from the soil. The roots will be immediately put into a CO₂ reading machine, and the levels will be measured. This program will involve the complete scientific method, and the results will be published in a scientific journal. Jondreau states, "My advisors for this research will be Dr. Andrew Burton of Michigan Technology University and Mickey Jarvi, a master's student. I am very excited and honored to be chosen to conduct this research, and I appreciate everyone's help for supporting me through my college endeavor, especially my family."

Jerry Jondreau is the son of Robert and Lynda Jondreau, and the grandson of the (late) Boyzie and Meno Jondreau. Jondreau previously attended college in California and on the reservation at KBOCC where he took general educational and environmental science courses. Jondreau also participated in the MICUP program in 2008 which is offered in coalition between KBOCC and Michigan Technological University.

Congratulations Jerry on the 4.0 GPA and keep up the good work. We expect great things from you.

~ submitted by newsletter editor.

2010 ANN MISEGAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The KBIC Education Department announces the availability of the 2010 Ann Misenagan Memorial Scholarship applications. The scholarship amount is \$1,000, twice a year for up to six years, and will be awarded to a new student each fall. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Enrolled Tribal member
- Attending an accredited college/university
- Enrolled as a full-time student
- Pursuing a degree in a Health Care field
- Resident of Baraga or Marquette County

Eligible students must complete an application, submit an essay detailing their interest in their chosen health field and submit a copy of their official transcripts (high school or college).

For more information and to request an application, contact Amy St. Arnold, Education Director at 906-353-6623, ext. 4117, or at amy@KBIC-nsn.gov. The application deadline is August 2, 2010, at 4 p.m.

WHIPP TASK FORCE HOLDS SKIN CANCER AWARENESS WALK



Participants in the Skin Cancer Awareness Walk — (above) Angela Kelly (left) and Kim Klopstein (right), (below) Cheryne Clements (left) and Lisa Denomie (right).



The W.H.I.P.P. Task Force held a Skin Cancer Awareness Walk on Thursday, April 29, 2010, at the KBOCC parking lot. Sixty-four government and enterprise employees participate in the event which was to raise awareness of skin cancer. Participants received cancer related educational pamphlets, sunscreen, and a healthy snack. Participants were encouraged to wear goofy hats. WHIPP organized the event with KBOCC donating the use of their parking lot, informational and registration tables were donated by the Youth Club, and Eagle Radio provided music from their trailer. Employees were also able to sign up for the five segment walking challenge, *Walk Your Way To Wellness*.

Prize winners for the Baraga Skin Cancer Awareness Walk were: \$50 Pines Card—Lisa Denomie, Cheryne Clements; \$25 Pat's Foods Card—Laura Mayo, Lynn Velmer; \$20 Larry's Market Card—Gina LaBeau, Vicki Emery, Jeannie Kauppila, Mary Tikkanen, Beth Connor.



Marquette Employees, left to right (standing) Jim Nardi, Pete Wessman, Cathy Woodward, Kathy Pleaugh, Arica Fassbender, B.J. Ouelette, Pat Mager, (kneeling) Linda Hough, Bonnie Nelson, Shelley Bal, David Haataja, and Vickie Laporte.

Marquette Enterprise employees participated in a Skin Cancer Awareness Walk on April 29, 2010, in the Ojibwa Casino II parking lot. Prize winners for the Marquette Skin Cancer Awareness Walk were: \$25 Walmart Gift Card—Cathy Woodward, Linda Hough.

~ submitted by newsletter editor.

COUNCIL VISIT EAGLE ROCK CONTINUED:



(Left to right) Council member Frederick Dakota, Mitch Bolo, Council member Isabelle Welsh.

much money we are going to use, I don't know. But those are things that have to be discussed by this group and by our Council."

Council secretary, Susan J. LaFerner addressed the group and stated, "I would like to say thank you to everyone who has worked and helped over the last six years, actually since 2004. It has been a long journey for a lot of people protecting Eagle Rock, the land and the water for the next seven generations. May our God and Creator be with you until we meet again."

President Swartz concluded with letting everyone know what the Community has been doing with regards to the Kennecott Mineral Company coming here. "The Community has filed a lawsuit hoping to overturn the State permit for a nickel and copper mine. The project, we feel, doesn't meet legal requirements for protecting the environment. I wrote a letter to EPA Region 5 requesting a government to government consultation regarding the Eagle Mine Project here in the Yellow Dogs in Marquette County. I told the new director of our objection to Kennecott's withdrawal of its application for an Underground Injection Control permit for its Treated Water Infiltration System. Kennecott has asked to meet with the Community, and I issued them a letter informing them the Community will seek permanent access to Eagle Rock for Tribal members." (See separate press release).

The protestors have built a kitchen, a sweat lodge, council lodge, and wigwams, at the base of Migi zii wa sin. Charlotte Loonsfoot, a KBIC Ojibwe ikwe, states, "This is our clean



KBIC Tribal Council pictured above at Migi zii wa sin (Eagle Rock). Left to right (front row) Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, President Warren (Chris) Swartz, Jr., Toni Minton, Secretary Susan J. LaFerner, (back row) Vice President William (Gene) Emery, Frederick Dakota, Elizabeth (Popcorn) Mayo, Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., Isabelle Welsh, Michael LaFerner, Sr. Photo compliments of Greg Peterson.

water and our land, and we don't want this mine here."

~ submitted by newsletter editor.



Newsletter photo.

KBIC HOLDS FOSTER HOME RECRUITMENT DINNER



Newsletter photo.

Judith Heath, KBIC Tribal Social Services Director, co-sponsored the event. Heath spoke of the rewards of becoming a foster parent.

KBIC Indian Child Welfare—Justice Committee and Tribal Social Services co-sponsored a recruitment dinner on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, to recruit foster homes for children who are in need. The event was held at the Big Bucks Bingo Hall in Baraga, Michigan.

President Warren (Chris) Swartz gave the welcome at the evening's event saying, "Each May in celebration of National Foster Care Month, we salute the dedicated, compassion, and commitment of people who make a difference by serving as foster parents. The Council is continually impressed by the positive impact our foster parents make in the lives of children and youth in need. These partners are a critical part of our service team to provide youth with what they need most: a safe place to live, adults who are invested in their success, and hope for the future."

The evening events included an honor song by Four Thunders Drum, poems written by Sally Brunk and Samantha Tolonen, and Judith Heath and Lori Muhlig were featured speakers with a message.

Lori Muhlig, a foster parent who recently has been appointed to the KBIC Indian Child Welfare—Justice Committee, spoke of the rewards one receives from helping a child in need. "What you get back is unmeasurable. Yes, you do get attached. How can you not? That is one of the most important things for a child in the foster care system. The child needs to know that

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KB Head Start Graduation



Newsletter photo.

KBIC Child Development HeadStart held their Graduation Program on Friday, May 14, 2010, at the HeadStart Center in Zeba, Michigan. Each graduate received a certificate from HeadStart staff and a gift from the Tribal Council. The young graduates sang four songs (ABC's; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, once I caught a fish alive; and in Ojibwe — Ambe, Giwedaw; Boozhoo) for their audience. Graduates, family, and friends enjoyed a feast following the ceremony.

The 2010 HeadStart Graduates are: Edward Bice-Field, Easton Clements, Makenna Decker, Jayden Denomie, Harley Geroux, Aleshanee Hutchison, Ross Jaukkuri II, Darius Loonsfoot, O'Dell Loonsfoot, Edwin Lopez, Daniel Nieskes, Cody Owens, Kylie Peterson, Thomas Rasanen, Javon Shelifoe, Brian Spruce, Kylie Szaroletta, Mariana Teikari, Hailey Tellin, and Nathan Velmer.

~ submitted by newsletter editor.



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KEWEENAW BAY OJIBWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE HONORS CEREMONY AND COMMENCEMENT



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Graduates Ryan Koski (left), and Betti Szaroletta (right). Missing from photo Christopher Chosa.



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Tribal council member Frederick Dakota as he gives the Council's address.



Newsletter photo.

Doreen Blaker as she gives the commencement address.

KBOCC held their Honors Convocation and Commencement Ceremony on Saturday, May 1, 2010, at the Niiwin Akeaa Center, with three graduates receiving diplomas. Christopher Chosa, a Fall 2009 graduate, received an Associate of Arts, Liberal Studies with Native American Emphasis; Betti Szaroletta, a Spring 2010 graduate, received an Associate of Applied Science, Early Childhood Education; and Ryan Koski, a Summer 2010 graduate, received an Associate of Arts, Liberal Studies.

Timothy Shanahan, Chairman of the KBOCC Board of Regents, served as Master of Ceremonies. Four Thunders provided music for the processional, honor song and recessional. The KBIC Honor Guard led the processional and posted the colors. Invocation was given by elder, James (Jay) Loonsfoot, Sr. Debra Parrish, KBOCC President, pre-

sented the welcome for the ceremonies, and Council member, Frederick Dakota, gave the Tribal Council's address.

This year, KBIC member, Doreen Blaker gave the commencement address. Ms. Blaker is a past Council member of six years, has served the KBIC Community as an employee for 16 plus years, and is currently the Tribal Court Advocate. She has been on the youth committee, firefighting committee, cultural committee, and the Indian child welfare committee, and she enjoys volunteer work throughout the Community. Doreen has a Bachelor's of Social Science/Pre-law. She is a mother of five and a grandmother of two with two more on the way. In her spare time she enjoys bowling and watching sports. During her speech, Ms. Blaker told the audience,

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E Halverson as he performs during the commencement ceremonies.

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KBOCC Graduation continued:

“Education is a powerful tool that can help preserve and protect our tribe’s interests. It can empower our Tribal people to break down the barriers of mis-understanding regarding our treaty rights. Educa-tion keeps us adaptable to this fast paced world of technology and is used to enhance our Ojibwa cul-ture, tradition, and beliefs, and to teach our version of history and how we see the past.”

Cherie Dakota and Megan Shanahan presented Scholastic and Honor Awards to several students from the Spring, Summer, and Fall 2009 semesters (listing at conclusion of article).

Ryan Koski received the Student of the Year Award. Ryan has participated in KBOCC student events and organizations, participated in the MICUP summer internship program at Michigan Technological University, is a role model for younger people of the community, and is also the KBOCC 2010 valedictorian.

Betti Szaroletta received the Zoongide~enini Award. The name of the Zoongide~enini Award was gifted to the college by Kelly Dowd in memory of her son. The award is presented to a student who exemplifies courage and perseverance in overcoming obstacles to the student’s educational goals. The student is chosen by faculty for being an outstanding example of bravery, responsibility, diligence and good spirit.

E Halverson received the Outstanding Fresh-man Award. E participated in the Student Leader-ship Seminar, participated in the drafting and ratifi-cation of the student government by-laws, partici-pated in student cultural events, and represented KBOCC at the AIHEC student conference. E was able to do all of these things while maintaining ex-cellent attendance and academics in the class-room.

Shelly Danielson received the Volunteer Stu-dent Award—the Spirit of Leadership Student Vol-unteer. Shelly has been involved with both student government and student leadership, often volun-teers to help set up for meetings, does the leg work to get projects started such as paper recycling pro-ject and fundraising projects for the student govern-ment, has mentored and tutored fellow students, and has set up study groups.

Students chose Erin Johnston as Faculty mem-ber of the Year. Erin has been very involved in KBOCC’s accreditation process and assessment process to ensure KBOCC students are getting the solid educational base for work in their field. She has just begun her teaching career and has already enhanced the KBOCC environmental science pro-gram. Johnston was nominated by the students because “she brings enthusiasm and encourage-ment into each class she teaches, and she strives to make power points, labs and homework fun.”

Graduates, families and friends were enlight-ened by the talented E Halverson’s musical abili-ties. While playing the guitar, E sang two beautiful songs, *I Wanna Be Me* and *So Here Is Mine*, which were solely composed by E as well. The Commu-nity was stunned by the magnificent beauty of his voice.

Congratulations to the graduates and the awardees.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

Department Awards

Early Childhood Education — Kim Maki
Environmental Science — Shelly Danielson
Liberal Studies — Ryan Koski
Writing Award — Shelly Danielson
AMP Awards — (Scholar Recognition) Shelly Danielson, Georgenia Earring, Cindy Knapp; (Scholar Achievement) Shelly Danielson; (Alumni) Charlotte Loonsfoot.

Scholastic Honors 2008-2009
Dean’s List

Chris Chosa, Spring 2009, Fall 2009
Shelly Danielson, Fall 2009
Ryan Koski, Spring 2009, Fall 2009

Honors List

Cindy Knapp, Fall 2009

Scholastic Achievement

Veronica Adams, Spring 2009, Fall 2009
Karen Anderson, Fall 2009
Catherine Andrews, Spring 2009
Joseph Augustine, Summer 2009
Rebecca Augustine, Summer 2009
Samantha Bach, Summer 2009, Fall 2009
Raymond Cadreaus, Spring 2009
Agatha Cardinal, Spring 2009, Fall 2009
Anita Chosa, Fall 2009
Brandon Chosa, Spring 2009

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Cynthia Curtis, Fall 2009
Cherie Dakota, Summer 2009
Hope Dakota, Summer 2009
Shelly Danielson, Spring 2009, Summer 2009
Katelyn Darcy, Summer 2009
Cody Dingeldey, Summer 2009
Jerri Duschaine, Spring 2009
Philomena Ekdahl, Fall 2009
Emily Evans, Fall 2009
Joseph Fedie, Summer 2009
Melissa Fish, Summer 2009
Yvette Friisvall, Summer 2009
Darlene Genschow, Fall 2009
DeAnna Hadden, Spring 2009
John Hebert, Fall 2009
Brook Hiller, Spring 2009
Danielle Hueckstaedt, Fall 2009
Michelle Hoggard, Fall 2009
Erin Johnston, Summer 2009,
Suzanne Kahkonen, Spring 2009
Rachel King, Spring 2009
Gary Loonsfoot, Jr., Summer 2009
Gary Loonsfoot, Sr., Summer 2009
James Loonsfoot, Spring 2009, Fall 2009
Kim Maki, Spring 2009, Fall 2009,
Nissa Morningstar, Spring 2009
April Niemi, Spring 2009, Fall 2009
Carol O’Hare, Fall 2009
Debra Parrish, Spring 2009
Rose Picard, Spring 2009
Elizabeth Sherman, Spring 2009
Betti Szaroletta, Spring 2009, Fall 2009
Jeanne Tehako, Summer 2009
Casey Trevethan-Lahti, Spring 2009

Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College announces honor students for Spring 2010 semester

Deans List (3.5-4.0 GPA with 12 or more credits)
Shelly Danielson
E Halverson
Honors List (3.0-3.49 GPA with 12 or more credits)
Cynthia Knapp
Scholastic Achievement (3.25-4.0 GPA with less than 12 credits)
Karen Andersen
Samantha Bach
Roxanne Carlson
Sue Ellen Carlson
Diana Chaudier
Lisa Chosa
Elizabeth Curtis
Lauri Denomie
Lisa Denomie
Kelly Dowd
Rose Edwards
Debra Eliason

Ryan Koski
Danika Strong

Jean Jokinen
Suzanne Kahkonen
Susan LaFernerier
Michael Lahti
Gary Loonsfoot, Sr.
James Loonsfoot
Robert E. Loonsfoot
Robert L. Loonsfoot
Beverly Lussier
Kim Maki
Treneice Marshall
Brenda McKittrick
Debra Parrish

KB Foster Parent Recruitment Dinner continued:

they belong somewhere. If your heart gets a little banged up, it is a small price to give a child a place that is safe for them. It is worth the heartache.” Lori and her husband, Bill Muhlig, have been foster parents for the past two years. Lori states, “Sometimes even more important than, who am I? Is, whose am I? We have an extreme need for foster families. It takes a whole Tribe to raise children.”

KBIC is in great need of foster parents. Foster parenting is a rewarding sense of community service. If you are interested in more information on how you can help a child in need, please contact Isabelle H. Welsh, at the Tribal Social Services, by calling (906) 353-4201.

~ submitted by newsletter editor

Why Should I Care About Land Management?

The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community has embarked on a project to create a land use management plan. “So what?” you might say. What does this mean to me? Even if most people can come together and agree on a vision for the future of the Tribal lands, how can anyone be sure that vision will become reality? This article will give you a few things to think about because your help is needed to create and support the management plan. Why should you care about land management or land use planning? Let’s think about livability,

mobility, equity, and sustainability. What makes your community livable? Livability means having good places to live, work, and play. It means having safe streets, functional and efficient community services, and healthy physical environments. Livability means the freedom to enjoy beautiful landscapes and be part of the natural environment. It means that your home is protected against the future placement of a junk yard, heavy manufacturing facility, or any other incompatible use next door. It means being assured that the important community gathering areas and culturally important places will continue to be held as sacred and protected for future generations. It means being assured that your investment in property is secured by an agreed community vision. It means understanding that each new building or use on Tribal lands plays a part of an evolving context and is not just an isolated object. Every building or use impacts the overall impression and health of the community. What is mobility? Mobility has to do with accommodating efficient movement between places. It means improving the access of community members to facilities and services. Communities should be designed with the mobility needs of residents in mind. How many people must depend on alternative forms of transportation for mobility? This may include those who don’t own cars and those who can’t or choose not to drive (youth or elders). Communities that are designed in a more compact development form make the provision of public transit more economical. When we plan residential

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FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS
NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS* FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES AND ALASKA
(Effective October 1, 2009)

	48 Contiguous United States	Alaska
Household Size	Income Limits	Income Limits
1	\$1,044	\$1,369
2	\$1,356	\$1,759
3	\$1,667	\$2,149
4	\$1,991	\$2,539
5	\$2,329	\$2,929
6	\$2,666	\$3,334
7	\$2,978	\$3,724
8	\$3,290	\$4,114
Each addi- tional member	+ \$312	+ \$390

*The net monthly income standard for each household size is the sum of the applicable Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) net monthly income eligibility standard and the applicable SNAP standard deduction.

Income Deductions—see 7 CFR 253.6(f)

Dependant Care Deduction — Households that qualify for the dependent care deduction are allowed a deduction of actual dependent care costs paid monthly to a non-household member.

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* **Cannot be on food stamps.**

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Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Natural Resources Department



2nd Annual KBIC Environmental Fair



The KBIC Natural Resources Department held the second annual Environmental Fair to celebrate Earth Day on April 22nd. The event provided environmental education to area schools and community members. Attending the event were approximately 200 kids from L'Anse, Sacred Heart and Arvon schools and over 60 community members.

Several organizations attended the event to provide educational information and hands on learning experiences including, USDA / Baraga County Conservation District, Plum Creek, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Baraga County MSE Extension/ 4-H, MTU Engineers without Borders, Smokey the Bear, Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College Environmental Science Program, MTU GEM Center for Science and Environmental Outreach, KBIC Conservation, KBIC Cultural Committee/THPO, and Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission. The KBIC Natural Resources Department provided several displays and activities related to water quality, fisheries management, wildlife management, solid waste, hazardous waste, brownfields, composting, and native planting and harvesting.

According to participants and teachers attending the event it was a huge success. The Natural Resources Department plans to conduct the Environmental Fair annually around Earth Day.

~ submitted by Todd Warner



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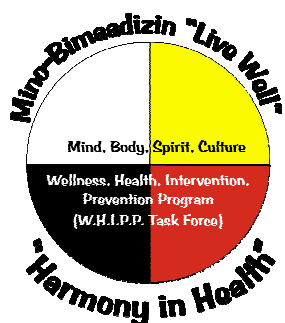
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W.H.I.P.P.
(Wellness, Health, Intervention,
Prevention, Program) Task Force

MISSION STATEMENT:

"The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Wellness, Health, Intervention, Prevention Program is dedicated to improving and maintaining the general health and well being of our employees, dependents, and community members. Our goal is to provide information, activities, motivation, services, and recognition to enhance the ability of people to better manage their own health, improve their quality of life and reduce their risk of disease and injury. Positive lifestyle choices develop a culture that is focused on celebrating and improving the quality of life for all."

Thanks to our dedicated employee task force and volunteers!

June 6-12, is "National Headache Awareness Week." A miserable headache is painful as well as expensive. The related costs of absenteeism and health care total over 50 billion per year. Causes of ordinary headaches include eye strain, tension, stress, bad posture, caffeine, dehydration, and strong scents. Tips for headache prevention: get stress under control, keep a headache diary, exercise regularly, and think comfort and ergonomics (proper posture), and drink plenty of water which is good for all.

June 14-22, is "National Men's Health Week." While both men and women have their own unique health concerns, men are sometimes more likely than women to let their health needs go unnoticed and are less likely to see a doctor. In the U.S., men live on average seven fewer years than women. We encourage all of our men to obtain their screenings, especially your blood pressure and cholesterol to keep your hearts, veins, and brains healthy, and learn about stress relief. Remember PREVENTION PAYS: prevention and early detection are the keys to fighting cancer and other diseases! Although no prevention measure is guaranteed to stop cancer, there are steps to take to help decrease the risk: maintain a healthy weight throughout your life; adopt a physically

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ATTENTION KBIC TRIBAL MEMBERS

2010 KBIC Spring Cleanup



KBIC is providing a one-time free curbside collection of bulky waste for enrolled KBIC Tribal Members residing within the boundaries of the KBIC L'Anse Reservation. Tribal members residing within the Village of L'Anse and the Village of Baraga will be included in this event. KBIC will not be reimbursing Tribal members residing in the Village of Baraga for participation in the Village of Baraga Spring Cleanup event this year. KBIC Spring Cleanup curbside pickup is for Tribal member residences only. Businesses and non-Tribal residences are not included in the KBIC Spring Cleanup.

Tribal Members who wish to participate must place waste at the curbside or road side directly in front of their residence by the morning of the **FIRST DAY for PICKUP ON THEIR STREET ROUTE (listed below)**.

Elders or Tribal Members with physical disabilities who are not able to move their waste to the curbside can call Tribal Construction (353-6950) for special arrangements.

L'Anse Village Tribal Member Residents must call Tribal Construction with their name and address before June 11th to ensure they are included in the collection.

Baraga Village Tribal Member Residents must call Tribal Construction with their name and address before June 17th to ensure they are included in the collection.

L'Anse Collection Routes; June 7th through June 11th

June 7th: Brewery Road, Vuk Road, Dynamite Hill Road, Barbo Road, Indian Road, Silver Road, Arvon Road, Herman Road.

June 8th: Hannila Road, Skanee Road, Townline Road, Biltonen Road, Heath Drive, Ford Farm Road, Haataja Road, Pikes Peak Road.

June 9th: Jentoff Road, Haanpaa Road, Indian Cemetery Road, Tailor Road, Whirligig Road, Marksman Road, Zeba Road, Johnson Roads, Pequaming Road, Aura Road.

June 10th: Power Dam Road, Usimaki Road, Maki Road, Dog Patch (Old 41), Lee Road.

June 11th: Village of L'Anse Tribal member collection. Village of L'Anse Tribal members must call with name and address to arrange for pickup prior to June 11th.

Baraga Collection Routes; June 14th through June 17th

June 14th: Beartown Road, Guy Road, M-38 from the Village of Baraga limits to Baraga Plains Road, Lindblom Road, Wadaga Road.

June 15th: Mission Road (north of Tribal Construction to Lindemann Road), Ben Road, Tangen Road, Carlson Road.

June 16th: Lindemann Road, US-41 outside of the Village of Baraga, Shippy Road.

June 17th: Village of Baraga Tribal member collection. Village of Baraga Tribal members must call with name and address to arrange for pickup prior to June 17th.

ALSO - On June 18th, Tribal members can also drop off waste at Tribal Construction between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. This is a **one time only** drop off and waste will not be received any other day aside from June 18th.

The following items and types of waste WILL NOT be accepted during Spring Cleanup – Please call with any questions about acceptable wastes:

Hazardous waste, batteries, liquids, oil & oil filters, paint, antifreeze and coolants, yard waste, tires, radioactive materials, fluorescent bulbs, explosives, wood preservatives, weed killers, solvents, propane tanks, pesticides, or loose trash. CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS is not acceptable and, if present, will be left at the curbside. Waste piles that consist of a mix of acceptable and unacceptable waste may not be collected. Loose trash **MUST BE BAGGED**. Loose waste not bagged may not be collected. White goods (refrigerators and freezers) must have doors removed or they will not be collected.

If you are unsure about your pickup date, or if you are included in the Spring Cleanup, or if you have other questions, please contact the KBIC Natural Resource Department (906) 524-5757, or Tribal Construction, at (906) 353-6950.

To be added to the mailing list or to correct your mailing address, contact the enrollment office at (906) 353-6623 ext. 4113.

To place an ad, submit an article, or relate information or ideas on possible articles contact Lauri Denomie at newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov



Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Housing Authority

website: www.kboha.com

Mission: To provide affordable and attractive housing opportunities in a safe and healthy environment to qualifying tribal members of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, encourage self-improvement of the community's low income families, and provide employment opportunities.

Programs and Services provided by the KBOHA:

- Low income rental homes and apartments
 1. 158 Homes/apartments in Baraga
 2. 50 Homes in Zeba
 3. 40 Homes in Marquette/Harvey;
- Supportive housing/transitional housing to help address family issues;
- New, custom built, super-insulated homes for homeownership on Bear Town Road;
- Home buyer training to prepare members for home ownership;
- Financial literacy training to improve members' financial skills;
- Home maintenance training to improve members' ability to maintain homes;
- Home rehabilitation program to improve the condition of member-owned homes;
- Home emergency assistance program to remedy negative conditions in the home;
- Individual development account program – a 4:1 matched savings program for member goals that include:

1. Down payment assistance for home purchase;
 2. College tuition and expenses for residents;
 3. Business expansion/start-up expenses.
- Low cost home improvement loan program for qualifying Tribal members;
 - Low cost tax preparation program for residents and Tribal members;
 - Surplus FEMA mobile home program for Tribal members;
 - Stipend program covering mileage and child care expenses for residents attending college;
 - Affordable curbside trash service for residents and members;
 - Prescription subsidy program to reimburse Tribal elders and disabled households for prescriptions purchased;
 - Ojibwa Building Supply Do It Best—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable building supplies and profits for housing programs;
 - Ojibwa Builders Construction Company—providing Tribal employment, quality affordable construction, and profits for housing programs;
 - Market rate rentals—five rental properties in Baraga and one in Negaunee- providing profits for housing programs;
 - Ojibwa BP, Car Wash and Laundry- providing Tribal employment, superior products and service, and profits for housing programs.

The New England American Indian Economic Development and Procurement Conference

The New England American Indian Economic Development and Procurement Conference will be held on June 22, 2010, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The event will take place at the Embassy Suites Boston – at Logan Airport, in Boston, Massachusetts. The exhibitor space will be FREE, as will conference admission for attendees.

This event will be comprised of government procurement workshops; exhibits by prime contractor companies, government agencies and nonprofits; and networking opportunities. Various workshops will be given throughout the day including: How to Get on the GSA Schedule, Selling to the State of Massachusetts, Doing Business with the DOT, Understanding the "Buy Indian" Act, and many more.

The conference will be sponsored by the Turtle Island Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC), Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, and UIDA Business Services.

For more information, please contact the Turtle Island PTAC: 651.917.0819 or wfreier@aiedfloans.org.

ATTENTION KBIC MEMBERS

The 2nd Reading of the Proposed Amendment to the Tribal Code Domestic Relations Ordinance 2010-05 will be held on Thursday, June 10, 2010, in the Tribal Center Conference Room following the special Council Meeting.

The Tribal Council will receive verbal and written comments from Tribal members at the public hearing in accordance with the Legislative Process public hearing procedure adopted by the Tribal Council.

Copies of the proposed Ordinances are available at the Tribal Center, KBIC Donald LaPointe Medical Center, Pines Convenience Center, Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center, Tribal Court, Commodity Foods Center, Ojibwa Housing Office and Ojibwa Community College. Copies are also distributed to all Departments within the Tribe.

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Go to www.mel.org/bizandjobs. It is the business and jobs gateway. You can browse career exploration resources and take job search courses. You can access all Michigan Works! sites for job-search resources.

When your child comes home from school and tells you he/she has to write a paper citing four sources, and only one can be from the internet, you can go to MeL and find the other three sources of information in the form of books, newspapers, journals, and magazines.

Good luck and have fun with this wonderful resource.

W.H.I.P.P. continued:

active lifestyle; eat a healthy diet; if you drink alcoholic beverages, limit consumption.

Healthy men, women, and children move our communities forward!

On May 3rd the first U.S. National Physical Activity Plan was released at a press event in Washington D.C. The plan has a vision: One day, all Americans will be physically active and they will live, work, and play in environments that facilitate regular physical activity. The plan aims to create a national culture that supports physically active lifestyles. Its ultimate purpose is to improve health, prevent disease

and disability, and enhance quality of life.

Remember the summer events: "Walk your way to Wellness" Walking Challenge, May 2—August 7, 2010; and the "Denise Marth Memorial Family Fun Run," July 10, 2010, 9 a.m.—noon. Miigwech and have a happy summer!

"A Time to Remember"

Thank you for remembering our deceased veterans and our loved ones on Memorial Day — May 31st. Continue to also remember all of our veterans and those currently serving in the military. Let us also remember our disabled and hospitalized veterans. Among our fellow citizens today are 3.4 million veterans with service-connected disabilities. They amount to 1.5% of the entire U.S. adult population. "Invisible wounds" of the mind are just as debilitating as lifelong physical wounds sustained on the battlefield. We all have a never-ending debt to these and all veterans who sacrificed for our country. On Memorial Day and every day, let's pay tribute, pray, and give a National salute to all of our veterans at home, hospitalized, disabled, and actively serving.

~ submitted by Susan J. LaFerner

All Tribal Veterans' Meeting at the Lighthouse, Sand Point, will be held every third Wednesday of the month at 1900 hours.
All Tribal Veterans Welcome!

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Employment Opportunities



On Call positions:

- * Community Service Supervisor
- * Unit Manager
- * LPN
- * RN
- * Account Executive/Sales
- * Cashier
- * Receptionist/Clerical Worker
- * Pre-Primary Teaching Assistant
- * Youth Program & Facility Attendant

<http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm>

- * Clinical Social Worker — open until filled
- * Family Aide (on-call) — open continuously

For current job listings, complete job announcements, applications and closing dates contact: KBIC Personnel Department, 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 or 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140 or visit: www.ojibwa.com.

New Employees



Dale Shalifoe was recently hired as the Executive Director of the KBIC Gaming Commission. Dale is a 1990 L'Anse High graduate who began his career in gaming at our Baraga casino shortly after graduation. Not long after that, he moved away to work on the newly constructed riverboat, the Casino Belle, in Dubuque, Iowa. Dale has since held gaming licenses in Iowa, Illinois, Michigan and Missouri. He has ten years of table games experience working for corporate casinos such as Ameristar and Station Casinos.

Dale decided to move back to the Upper Peninsula in 2000 to raise his family and pursue higher education. He graduated in 2006 with a degree in Economics from Northern Michigan University. He is currently pursuing an Apprenticeship within our tribe's Ojibwe Language Revitalization Program with Earl Otchingwanigan.



John Varline, Jr., was recently hired as the Post Disposition Probation Officer with the Tribal Court. John is a 2009 graduate of Northern Michigan University with a Bachelor's in Criminal Justice. John had interned with the Tribal Court in the Summer of 2009.

John is the son of Kerry and John Varline, and has been a resident of Baraga County all of his life. John enjoys softball, basketball, and fishing in his spare time.

THIRD ANNUAL "DREAM CATCHER" AWARD RECIPIENT ANNOUNCED

KBIC Even Start Family Literacy Center announced the selection of this year's recipients for the third annual "Dream Catcher Award" in celebration of the NAEYC National Month of the Young Child. This year's award goes to a deserving individual whose service to early childhood education and family literacy has easily qualified her for this special honor.

The "Dream Catcher Award" recognizes the contributions of community individuals to the success of children through their efforts in the areas of early childhood education, social services, parenting or mentoring. Through this award, KBIC Even Start spotlights the people who make a positive difference in the lives of young children in our community. The 2010 Dream Catcher Award is presented this year to Lisa Denomie, director of the KBIC Preprimary Education Program.

"We were pleased with the number of nominations that were submitted for this year's award," stated award organizer, Gail Juntunen of the KBIC Even Start Family Literacy Center. "Lisa was the overwhelming People's Choice –and deservedly so."



Lisa Denomie (center) is shown above with the two individuals who nominated her for the award, Kelly Dowd (left) and Vicky Mleko (right). Photo compliments of Even Start student, Leia Renfro.

As one of her nominator's put it, "Lisa has an outstanding way of relating to our youth and is always very creative in her teachings. She goes the extra mile!" Denomie is a long-time early childhood educator and was a former preschool teacher at KBIC Head Start before taking the lead in the Tribal preprimary program. A graduate of Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College, she currently provides educational leadership for teachers in her early childhood program.

As the 2010 recipient of the "Dream Catcher" Award, Lisa was honored at a luncheon hosted by KBIC Even Start adult ed students at its center on Wednesday, April 28th where she received her certificate and a handcrafted dream catcher.

"We would like to thank the people who took the time to submit nominations for this year's award," stated Juntunen. "Nominations were submitted for outstanding parents, teachers, paraprofessionals, and other service providers for the early childhood education programs of Baraga County. Each nominee was a deserving individual, and we applaud their efforts, thanking them for all they do to enrich and support the lives of children in our community."

~ submitted by Gail Juntunen

The DHHS Superior Spirit Award Winner for June.



Suzan Ollila, RN, is the DHHS Superior Spirit Award winner for June. Sue was nominated by two co-workers who said, "Sue is willing to help me when I ask. She takes the time to explain things if I have questions. She multi-tasks on a daily basis, to help all of us in the medical clinic." "Sue has worked very hard as a case manager in advocating for patient care and continuity of care. She has spent a lot of time in coordinating services with outside agencies as well as following up on tasks assigned. Sue has been instrumental in learning the UPHP formulary and has trained staff on how to use the formulary for cost containment."

Suzan received a beaded lanyard for her name badge and is able to park in the spot specifically designed for the DHHS Superior Spirit Award winner. Congratulations, Suzan Ollila!!

Why Should I Care About Land Management continued:

developments close to work and shopping areas, residents can choose to walk or bike to get the things they need. This creates independence and

encourages more healthy lifestyles.

What does equity mean to you? Does it mean that everyone in the community has a good place to live? Does this include the wild creatures that inhabit homelands as well? Equity also means environmental justice for the earth. To be equitable, communities must provide affordable housing and alternative living accommodations for various income levels and stages of life. Equity means that people with limited means don't have to live with undesirable land uses or environmental pollution next door to their homes while people with more money are protected. It means planning with a regional perspective, making sure there is a place and a future for everyone. It also means cleaning up contaminated properties, and preventing future misuse of environmental resources. Equity is planning for the protection of habitat for a diversity of wild creatures.

What is sustainability? Sustainability is frequently defined as development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. It is usually divided into three components, including social, economic, and environmental sustainability, each impacting the other. Social sustainability has to do with strong families, forward-thinking leadership, respect for culture and tradition, good health, educational opportunity, stability, and safety. Economic sustainability means creating business and employment systems that adapt to change and address the talent and abilities of Tribal members. It may mean the wise utilization of natural resources to create more self-sufficient and resilient communities with clean energy options. Environmental sustainability means providing for the future health of life-sustaining resources such as the waters of Lake Superior, inland lakes and streams, forests, and natural habitats. For sustainability, there must be a balanced management of **developed resources** (such as residential, commercial, industrial, civic, transportation, communication, and utilities), **life-sustaining resources** (such as air, water, fisheries, wildlife), **protected resources** (cultural resources, wilderness, environmentally sensitive areas, recreation, and scenic areas), and **productive resources** (forestry, range, agriculture, and energy).

Land use planning means envisioning both the built and natural environment of the future. It means thinking about what you want to preserve, what needs to be improved, and what needs to be

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Proposed Protection/Preservation of the Pinery Cemetery, Public Meeting Wednesday, June 23, 2010, 5 p.m. At the Pinery Cemetery, Indian Cemetery Road, L'Anse

Please join Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Tribal Council representatives, Cultural Committee Representatives, and Tribal Historic Preservation Office representatives to discuss ideas to preserve and protect the Pinery Cemetery. Current conditions of the cemetery are a concern and need to be addressed. In order to preserve the cemetery, KBIC would like your input in developing a plan of action.

Proposed actions: erosion controls, cemetery mapping, burial identification, memorial wall, cleaning, removal of debris, and replacement of spirit houses.

June 2010 Calendars Events

- June 5** — Regular Saturday Council Meeting, 10 a.m.
- June 7** — Spring cleanup begins
- June 10** — 2nd Reading of the Proposed Amendment to the Tribal Code Domestic Relations Ordinance
- June 16** — Veterans meeting, 7 p.m.
- June 20** — Happy Father's Day
- June 21** — Summer beings

~ submitted by newsletter editor

Events occurring throughout KBIC are welcome to be listed on the Calendar of Events. Contact newsletter@kbic.nsn.gov to list your events. Some events are more detailed FYI within the newsletter. For up-to-date event listings, visit www.ojibwa.com and click on calendar. For Youth events, see @ www.ojibwa.com, click on youth club, or contact 353-4643/Main Office at Youth Club, or 353-4644 for the facility attendants or the Kitchen/craft rooms.



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changed. Good communities don't happen by accident. They happen through the active participation of citizens in managing development processes.

Soon we will invite your participation in community workshops designed to envision the future of Tribal lands. Once we have the vision, we can figure out collectively how to make it happen. Making it happen means creating an understanding of the important criteria that you want future development to achieve. It means creating a decision-making tool that reflects KBIC values and goals.

We'll bring the food. All you have to bring is your ideas and your vision for the future. Come be a part of the creation.

For more information, please contact Kelly Drake, Planner, U. P. Engineers & Architects, kdrake@upea.com, (800)862-6061, ext. 14, or Jason Ayres, KBIC Real Estate Director, jayres@kbic-nsn.gov, (906)353-4132.

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